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FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MARCH 20, 2025

SUBJECT: BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND COMPONENT AUDITS

**ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE** 

#### RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE AND FILE the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) basic financial statements and component financial statement audits completed by Crowe LLP (Crowe) as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

#### **ISSUE**

Metro is required to be audited annually by independent certified public accountants. The resulting reports include Metro's basic financial statements and the following component audits for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 (FY24):

- Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority;
- Independent Auditor's Statement of Auditing Standards (SAS) 114 letter covering required communications related to the financial statement audit;
- Single Audit Report;
- Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures on Federal Funding Allocation Data for the Transportation Operating Agency (ID# 90154);
- ➤ Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with the California Code of Regulations (Section 6667); Report on Internal Control over Compliance; and Report on 50% Expenditure Limitation Schedule for Transportation Development Act Operations Agency;
- ➤ Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with the California Code of Regulations (Sections 6640-6662); Report on Internal Control over Compliance; and Report on Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for Transportation Development Act:
- ➤ Independent Auditor's Report on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority State Transit Assistance Special Revenue Fund's basic financial statements for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024, and 2023.
- Independent Auditor's Report on the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (A Component Unit of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) financial statements; and

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➤ Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Rules and Regulations of the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) and Report on Internal Control over Compliance for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's compliance with the LCTOP Guidelines.

#### **BACKGROUND**

State law requires Metro to publish a complete set of audited financial statements within six months of the close of each fiscal year. In compliance with those requirements, this report seeks to provide Metro's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, completed in December 2024, to the Board.

In addition to regulatory requirements, professional auditing standards require that Crowe communicate certain matters to keep Metro adequately informed about matters related to the financial statement audit that are significant and relevant in overseeing the financial reporting process. The financial and compliance audits must be conducted in accordance with these auditing standards. The main goal of the independent audit is to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Metro's basic financial statements include its audited financial statements, supplemental information, and unmodified audit opinion from the independent external auditor. The independent auditor issued unmodified opinions on all audit reports for FY24. Receiving an unmodified opinion indicates that all financial statements for FY24 were fairly presented and that Metro complied in all material respects with the applicable financial reporting framework and compliance requirements.

Crowe identified one finding in the Single Audit report related to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards misstatements pertaining to incorrect clustering of programs and incorrect presentation of passed through vs direct expenditures. This is not a repeat finding.

The auditors also identified two findings in the 90154 Report related to variances.

One passed adjustment is related to not recording Low Carbon Fuel Standard credits at their estimated fair value. As a result, approximately \$31M will be recognized when the credits are sold. The second passed adjustment is related to Regional Tap Service Center (RTAP) cash and accounts payable that should be reported in the fiduciary fund instead of the enterprise fund. As a result, the enterprise fund net position should be approximately \$7M lower, and the fiduciary fund net position should be \$7M higher. The adjustments were repeated from prior years as Accounting Management opted to continue recording the transactions in the enterprise fund instead of the fiduciary fund, which did not result in any material difference and cause a finding.

Due to the considerable size of the document, the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report is on file with the Board Clerk. The report is also accessible on Metro's website at

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#### **EQUITY PLATFORM**

The basic financial statements and component financial statement audits in this report support the completion of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, which provides Metro with opportunities to identify equity impacts. There are no equity impacts or concerns from audit services conducted to complete the Annual Financial Comprehensive Report.

#### **VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED OUTCOME**

VMT and VMT per capita in Los Angeles County are lower than national averages, the lowest in the SCAG region, and on the lower end of VMT per capita statewide, with these declining VMT trends due in part to Metro's significant investment in rail and bus transit.\* Metro's Board-adopted VMT reduction targets align with California's statewide climate goals, including achieving carbon neutrality by 2045. To ensure continued progress, all Board items are assessed for their potential impact on VMT.

While this item does not directly encourage taking transit, sharing a ride, or using active transportation, it is a vital part of Metro operations, as it provides information on audits of Metro's projects and programs. Because the Board has adopted an agency-wide VMT Reduction Target, and this item generally supports the overall function of the agency, this item is consistent with the goals of reducing VMT.

\*Based on population estimates from the United States Census and VMT estimates from Caltrans' Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) data between 2001-2019.

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Receiving and filing of this item supports Metro Vision 2028 Goal #5: Provide responsive, accountable, and trustworthy governance within the Metro organization.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Management Audit Services will continue reporting audit activities on the basic financial statements and component financial statements in the next fiscal year.

#### <u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

Attachment A - SAS 114 Letter

Attachment B - Single Audit Report

Attachment C - 90154 Report

Attachment D - Transportation Development Act Operations Agency

Attachment E - Transportation Development Act Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances

Attachment F - State Transit Assistance Special Revenue Fund's Financial Statements

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Attachment G - Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies Financial Statements

Attachment H - Low Carbon Transit Operations Program

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## LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

#### **SINGLE AUDIT REPORT**

Fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

#### LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY Los Angeles, California

## SINGLE AUDIT REPORT Fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

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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

Board of Directors Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Los Angeles, California

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 governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the basic financial statements, which collectively comprise LACMTA's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2024. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the defined benefit pension plan financial statements of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Retirement Income Plans, as described in our report on LACMTA's financial statements. The financial statements of the defined benefit pension plan of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Retirement Income Plans were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered LACMTA's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 LACMTA's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of LACMTA'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 entity's 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 audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether LACMTA'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 financial statements. 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*.

#### LACMTA's Response to Finding

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the LACMTA's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The LACMTA's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

#### **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 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.

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Los Angeles, California December 18, 2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Board of Directors Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Los Angeles, California

#### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

#### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of LACMTA's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. LACMTA's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, LACMTA complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

#### Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (Government Auditing Standards); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of LACMTA and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of LACMTA's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to LACMTA's federal programs.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on LACMTA's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about LACMTA's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design
  and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a
  test basis, evidence regarding LACMTA's compliance with the compliance requirements referred
  to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of LACMTA's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order
  to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on
  internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose
  of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of LACMTA's internal control over compliance.
  Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

#### **Report on 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 with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program 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, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program 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 a type of compliance requirement of a federal program 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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 Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

#### Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards Required by Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of LACMTA as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise LACMTA's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2024, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The 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 basic financial statements or to the 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 schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Crowe LLP

Los Angeles, California December 18, 2024

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS Fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

Federal grantor/cluster title/program title/pass-through grantor/project title	Assistance Listing Number	Direct Program and Pass-through Grant Identifying Number	Total Federal Award	Total Expenditures	Federal Share	Federal share passed through to subrecipients	State Share	Local Share
Federal Grants								
U.S. Department of Transportation								
Federal Highway Administration								
Passed through State of California Department of Transportation:								
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster								
Highway Planning and Construction						_	_	
Extension of Transit way on 1-110 to Downtown LA	20.205	EA 07-278008	\$ 6,272,632	\$ 238,907	\$ 180,964	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,944
I-5 Chokepoint Relief Project	20.205 20.205	07-5187	247,000,000	52,870,940 67.860	6,606,637	-	12,872,862	33,391,442
Freight Advanced Traveler Information System (FRATIS)		ATCMTDL-6065(218)	3,000,000	. ,	33,930	-	-	33,930
605/South Street	20.205	HIPL-6065(253)	15,791,000	568,761	(110,807)	-	-	679,569
605/Beverly Soundwall Package#10	20.205 20.205	HIPL-6065(262) HIPL-6065(251)	16,976,220 48,649,000	127,288 28.363,712	43,087 26,186,974	-	-	84,201 2.176.738
SR-57/60 CONFLUENCE CHOKE POINT	20.205	07-5244	99,000,000	53,783,087	35,222,711	35,222,711	-	18,560,376
07-LA-091-R11.8 to R13.2	20.205	07-5258	29,000,000	4.456.700	1,742,011	33,222,711	-	2.714.689
I-605/SR-91 Interchange Improvements	20.205	07-5186	29,100,000	451,588	(183,070)	-	150,587	484,071
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster Total	20.203	07-3100	494,788,852	140,928,843	69,722,437	35,222,711	13,023,449	58,182,960
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The Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects								
SR-57/60 Confluence Choke Point	20.934	INFRAL-6065 (254)	27,000,000	15,260,236	15,095,448	15,095,448	_	164,789
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Federal Highway Administration Total			521,788,852	156,189,079	84,817,885	50,318,159	13,023,449	58,347,749
Federal Transit Administration								
Direct Programs:								
Federal Transit Cluster:								
Federal Transit Capital Improvement Grants:								
Sec 5309 Westside Purple Line Ext Section 1 New Starts	20.500	CA-2016-017	1,085,000,000	483,855,009	139,144,883	-	-	344,710,126
Sec 5309 Westside Purple Line Ext Section 2 New Starts	20.500	CA-2016-047	1,021,983,701	258,362,393	88,835,456	-	-	169,526,937
Sec 5309 Westside Purple Line Extension 3 New Starts	20.500	CA-2019-170	821,983,701	140,419,289	49,006,249	-	-	91,413,040
Sec 5309 Westside Purple Line Ext Section 3 CIG-Section 165	20.500	CA-2024-061	59,583,554	59,583,554	59,583,554	-	-	-
Federal Transit - Capital Improvement Grants Total			2,988,550,956	942,220,245	336,570,142			605,650,103
Federal Transit - Formula Grants:								
Sec 5307 RAIL TO RAIL ATC (SEGMENT A-1) - ATP	20.507	CA-2022-206	8,326,000	42.482.494	4,455,522	_	_	38,026,972
Sec 5307 Westside Purple Line Ext Section 3 CMAQ & STBG	20.507	CA-2022-144	115,000,000	38,516,510	36,494,953	_	_	2,021,557
Sec 5307 Systemwide Light Rail Vehicles	20.507	CA-2016-026	149,430,000	33,290,122	21,916,824	-	-	11,373,298
Sec 5307 Bus Preventive Maintenance & ATI Project	20.507	CA-2024-065	320,030,833	338,461,043	270,768,834	-	-	67,692,209
Federal Transit - Formula Grants Total			592,786,833	452,750,169	333,636,133			119,114,036
State of Good Repair Grants Program								
5337 LA Metro Rail Vehicle Midlife Overhauls	20.525	CA-2018-031	222.000.000	264.277.534	211.422.027	_	_	52.855.507
Sec. 5337 FY22-23 Rail Preventive Maintenance	20.525	CA-2023-163	151,251,460	36,633,492	33,563,558	_	_	3,069,934
State of Good Repair Grants Program Total	20.020	0,12020 100	373,251,460	300,911,026	244,985,585	-		55,925,441
Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program								
Section 5339 Bus Overhauls	20.526	CA-2019-056	146,810,553	42,214,677	24,549,578			17,665,099
Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program Total			146,810,553	42,214,677	24,549,578	-	-	17,665,099
Federal Transit Cluster Total			4,101,399,802	1,738,096,117	939,741,438			798,354,679

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS Fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

Federal grantor/cluster title/program title/pass-through grantor/project title	Assistance Listing Number	Direct Program and Pass-through Grant Identifying Number	Total Federal Award	Total Expenditures	Federal Share	Federal share passed through to subrecipients	State Share	Local Share
Direct Programs:								
Transit Services Programs Cluster								
Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individual with Disabilities								
Sec 5310 L.A. County Section 5310 All Subrecipients - FY19	20.513	CA-2020-167	9,787,049	1,604,451	1,170,142	1,044,626	-	434,308
Sec 5310 LA County Section 5310 All Subrecipients FY17	20.513	CA-2018-065	9,207,811	338,396	254,572	197,507	-	83,824
Sec 5310 Program Administration FFY19	20.513	CA-2021-226	1,115,715	461,187	461,187	-	-	-
Sec 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Senior and Individuals with Disability- ARPA	20.513	CA-2022-142	1,254,836	236,659	236,659	236,659	-	-
Sec 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Senior and Individuals with Disability	20.513	CA-2022-143	7,959	7,959	7,959	7,959	-	-
Sec 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Senior and Individuals with Disability- CRRSAA	20.513	CA-2022-141	1,254,817	595,496	595,496	595,496	-	
Sec 5310 FY 2022-2023 FTA L.A. County Subrecipient Projects	20.513	CA-2023-236	13,891,798	631,228	552,177	552,177		79,051
Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individual with Disabilities Total			36,519,985	3,875,376	3,278,192	2,634,424	-	597,184
Job Access and Reverse Commute Program								
Sec 5316 L A County Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program Administration. FY06-12	20.516	CA-37-X071	5,032,849	160,244	160,244	-	-	-
Sec 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute Program. Project - LA County Job Access and Program Project	20.516	CA-37-X100	10,343,881	1,921,195	960,510	358,126	-	960,685
Job Access and Reverse Commute Program			15,376,730	2,081,439	1,120,754	358,126		960,685
New Freedom Program:								
Sec 5317 New Freedom - Capital & Operating, Assistance	20.521	CA-57-X100	7,354,678	137.555	68,778	68.778	_	68.778
Sec 5317 New Freedom - Capital & Operating, Assistance	20.521	CA-57-X048	1,755,553	170.147	85.074	85.074	-	85,074
Sec 5317 New Freedom - Capital & Operating, Assistance	20.521	CA-57-X084	8,702,026	60,407	60,407	60,407		-
New Freedom Program Total			17,812,257	368,110	214,259	214,259		153,852
Transit Services Programs Cluster Total			69,708,972	6,324,925	4,613,205	3,206,809		1,711,721
Research, Development, Demonstration and Deployment Program			=					=
Sec 5312 FY20 AIM Travel Rewards Research Pilot	20.530	CA-2021-012	700,000	130,332	80,332		<del></del>	50,000
Research, Development, Demonstration and Deployment Program Total			700,000	130,332	80,332		<del></del>	50,000
Community Project Funding Congressionally Directed Spending								
Sec 22-CMPJ-1 Inglewood Transi Connector ROW Propoerty Acquisition	20.534	CA-2023-228	5,000,000	6,250,000	5,000,000	5,000,000		1,250,000
Community Project Funding Congressionally Directed Spending Total			5,000,000	6,250,000	5,000,000	5,000,000		1,250,000
Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program								
Executed SMART Grant agreement	20.941	95-4401975	2,000,000	151,420	151,420	_		_
Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program Total			2,000,000	151,420	151,420			
Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program								
Sec 5324 FY2023 Emergency Relief, Metro Division 21 RockFall Recovery	20.527	CA-2024-011	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000			
Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program Total	20.027	0/12024 011	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000			
Federal Transit Administration Total			4,180,008,774	1,752,152,793	950,786,395	8,206,809		801,366,399
U.S. Department of Transportation Total			4,701,797,626	1,908,341,872	1,035,604,280	58,524,968	13,023,449	859,714,148
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## LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS Fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security:								
Direct Programs								
Rail and Transit Security Grant Program								
Transit Security Grant Program	97.075	EMW-2019-RA-00019	7,208,108	3,568,245	3,568,245	-	-	-
Video Management System/Security Intelligence	97.075	EMW-2020-RA-00029	12,180,025	1,210,385	1,210,385			
Rail and Transit Security Grant Program Total			19,388,133	4,778,630	4,778,630	-	-	-
Passed through State of California Department of Transportation:								
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance								
COVID-19 - FEMA-4482-DR-CA	97.036	FEMA-4482-DR-CA	4,550,598	4,550,598	4,550,598	-	-	-
			-					
U.S. Department of Homeland Security Total			23,938,731	9,329,228	9,329,228			
Total Federal Grants			\$ 4,725,736,357	\$ 1,917,671,100	\$ 1,044,933,508	\$ 58,524,968	\$ 13,023,449	\$ 859,714,148
Grantor/cluster title/program title/pass-through grantor/project title			Total State Award	Total Expenditures			State Share	Local Share
State Grants:								
75GS6132 Rosecrans/Marquardt Grade Separation Project			\$ 15,000,000	\$ 686,461			\$ 686,461	\$ -
HSR17-19 Rosecrans/Marquardt Grade Separation Project			76,665,000	17,439,568			17,109,530	330,038
ACCESS FOR ALL				7,373,124			7,373,124	
AIRPORT METRO CONNECT 96th Street transit Station			150,000,000	206,907,284			(11,903,452)	218,810,736
CRENSHAW PRE-REVENUE Extension of the Green Line			51,241,974 9.000.000	32,056,833			31,121,945 911.019	934,888
07A5025 FY21-24 FSP			3,000,000	6,016,633 2.523			2.523	5,105,614
Metro Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure Project			39.098.039	570.844			(824,212)	1.395.056
Metro Red Line and Purple Line Core Capacity Improvements			93.671.000	114.629.335			37,731,496	76,897,839
NETWORK INTEGRATION			7.000.000	508,282			508.282	-
M-004-22 A03 Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant REAP Grant SCS			500,684	317,541			52,492	265,049
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPTIMIZED RAIL EXPANSION (LINK US PHASE A)			227,420,000	15,036,027			10,578,598	4,457,429
STIP PPM22-6065(257)			4,002,000	4,002,000			4,002,000	-
VMT MITIGATION PROGRAM (CALTRANS)			700,000	501,921			384,582	117,339
VERMONT TRANSIT CORR			5,000,000	6,250,613			998,223	5,252,390
NEXTGEN BUS IMPROVEMENTS			25,000,000	6,977,109			6,374,904	602,205
MGL FOOTHILL EXT PHASE 2B			249,200,000	249,200,000			249,200,000	-
FY23/24 Agreement #FSP24SB1-6065(268) M-008-24 LA04 -Regional Early Action Planning Grants Program of 2021 (REAP 2.0) Traffic Reduction Study (LA04)			6,700,712	6,700,712			6,700,712	20.202
N-005-24 LA04 - Regional Early Action Planning Grants Program of 2021 (REAP 2.0) Traffic Reduction Study (LA04)  State Only Funds (From Caltrans)			1,000,000 18,185,151	194,679 18.185.151			158,286 18,185,151	36,393
Regional Early Action Planning Grants Program of 2021 (REAP 2.0) Mobility Wallet (LA08) : City of Los Angeles (CARB/	STEP)		4,023,750	1,847,349			1,847,349	-
Total State Grants	•		\$ 986,408,310	\$ 695,403,988			\$ 381,199,013	\$ 314,204,975

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS Fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

#### **NOTE 1 – GENERAL**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards (the Schedule) presents the grant activity of all expenditures of federal and state award programs of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). All federal awards received directly from federal agencies, as well as federal awards passed through other government agencies, are included in the Schedule. The Schedule also includes state grants that do not participate in the federal awards. LACMTA is the reporting entity as defined in Note 1 to the financial statements of LACMTA's basic financial statements.

#### **NOTE 2 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures are recognized following, as applicable, either the cost principles in OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments or the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years. LACMTA has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

#### NOTE 3 - STATE AND LOCAL FUNDS REIMBURSEMENT

LACMTA utilizes state and local funds when federal funds are not received in a timely manner. Upon receipt of federal funds, LACMTA reimburses state and local funds that were utilized for expenditures for federal programs. Reimbursements are shown as credit balances in the Schedule. Expenditures incurred during the current fiscal year, but before a federal grant is executed are included as state or local on the Schedule in the year the expenditures are incurred and are reported as federal on the Schedule in the year the grant was executed.

#### NOTE 4 - FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Pursuant to the Single Audit Act and Uniform Guidance Compliance Supplement, the federal financial assistance is defined as assistance provided by a federal agency, either directly or indirectly, in the form of grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, loans, loan guarantees, property, interest subsidies, insurance, or direct appropriations. Accordingly, nonmonetary federal assistance is included in federal financial assistance and, therefore, is reported on the Schedule, if applicable. Federal financial assistance does not include direct federal cash assistance to individuals. Solicited contracts between the state and federal government for which the federal government procures tangible goods or services are not considered to be federal financial assistance.

#### **NOTE 5 - MAJOR PROGRAMS**

The Single Audit Act and Uniform Guidance establish criteria to be used in defining major federal financial assistance programs. Major programs for LACMTA are those programs selected for testing by the auditor using a risk assessment model, as well as certain minimum expenditure requirements, as outlined in Uniform Guidance. Programs with similar requirements may be grouped into a cluster for testing purposes.

#### LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS Fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

#### **SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS**

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

#### Financial Statements: Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP: Unmodified Internal control over financial reporting: \_\_\_\_\_Yes X\_\_\_No Material weakness(es) identified? Significant deficiency(ies) identified? X Yes None reported Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes X No Federal Awards: Internal control over major federal programs: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes X\_\_\_ No Material weakness(es) identified? Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes X None reported Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: Unmodified Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? \_\_\_\_\_Yes X\_\_No Identification of major federal programs: ALN 20.500 / 20.507 / 20.525 / 20.526 - Federal Transit Cluster ALN 20.513 / 516 / 521 - Transit Services Programs Cluster ALN 20.934 – Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects ALN 20.534 - Community Project Funding ALN 97.036 - FEMA Disaster Grants - Public Assistance Dollar threshold used to distinguish type A and B programs: \$ 3,134,801 \_\_X\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS Fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

#### **SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

## Finding 2024-001 – Preparation of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Significant Deficiency)

#### Criteria

2 CFR 200.510 (b) requires "...the auditee to prepare a schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA) for the period covered by the financial statements which must include the total federal awards expended. At a minimum, the schedule must.... (1). For a cluster of programs, the non-Federal entity must provide the cluster name, a list of individual Federal programs within the cluster, and provide the Federal agency name and the applicable Assistance Listing number(s)... (3) provide total federal awards expended for each individual federal program and the [related] Assistance Listings Number... (4) include the total amount provided to subrecipients from each Federal Program." In addition, the auditee should ensure they have proper internal controls to ensure that the SEFA is fairly stated in relation to the financial statements.

#### Condition

During our review of the SEFA provided by management, we noted the following errors:

- 1. Two programs (Public Transportation Innovation and the Community Project Funding Congressionally Directed Spending) totaling \$5,080,332 in federal expenditures were incorrectly clustered with the Federal Transit Cluster (FTC Cluster).
- 2. One program (Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program) totaling \$151,420 in federal expenditures was incorrectly included with the Transit Services Program Cluster (TSP Cluster).
- 3. One grant within the Transit Services Cluster incorrectly presented expenditures in the amount of \$461,187 as pass through to subrecipient when they were direct internal payroll costs.
- 4. The expenditures for one grant, the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight & Highway Projects Program, in the amount of \$15,095,448, were not presented as passed through to subrecipients.

#### Cause

Management's review of the SEFA was not conducted at a precision sufficient to identify errors in presentation of the amounts presented.

#### Effect

- 1. As a result of the two programs being incorrectly included with the FTC Cluster, the Public Transportation Innovation Program was understated by \$80,332 and the Community Project Funding Congressionally Directed Spending Program was understated by \$5,000,000 while the FTC Cluster was overstated by \$5,080,332.
- 2. The TSP Cluster was overstated by \$151,420 while the SMART Program was understated by the same amount.
- 3. \$461,187 in Transit Services Cluster expenditures were incorrectly classified as subrecipient expenditures.
- 4. The expenditures presented as passed through to subrecipients for the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight & Highway Projects Program were understated by \$15,095,448.

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS Fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

#### Recommendation

We recommend that management strengthen their review process over the SEFA to ensure that all expenditures are appropriately and accurately reflected and that all minimum requirements as noted in 2 CFR 200.510 (b) are met.

#### Management's Response

We agree with the recommendation and had already corrected the FY24 SEFA. We will strengthen our review process by performing 100 percent review of the grants for proper Cluster classification. We will also review the subrecipient expenditures for any inclusion of direct internal payroll costs. Finally, we will work closely with the other SEFA contributors to identify any expenditures that should be presented as passed through to subrecipients.

#### SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None noted in current year.



## LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

#### FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOCATION DATA

**Transportation Operating Agency (ID# 90154)** 

Independent Accountant's Report On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

Fiscal year ended June 30, 2024



#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Management and the Board of Directors Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Los Angeles, California

We have performed the attached procedures on the Federal Funding Allocation Statistics Form FFA-10 (FFA-10), related to the District's compliance with the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Declarations section of the 2024 Policy Manual and the Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) and Records and Reporting System; Final Rule, as specified in 49 CFR Part 630, Federal Register, January 15, 1993, as of June 30, 2024. LACMTA management is responsible for compliance with those requirements.

LACMTA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of evaluating assisting users in understanding compliance with the above specified requirements. Additionally, FTA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures are appropriate to meet their purposes. We make no representation regarding the appropriateness of the procedures either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. An agreed-upon procedures engagement involves performing specific procedures and reporting on findings based on the procedures performed.

The procedures and the associated findings are in Attachment A.

We were engaged by LACMTA to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on compliance with the specified requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of LACMTA and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, the management of LACMTA, and the FTA and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Los Angeles, California January 8, 2025

The procedures below were applied separately to each of the information systems used to develop the reported actual vehicle revenue miles (VRM), fixed guideway (FG), directional route miles (DRM), passenger miles traveled (PMT), and operating expenses (OE) of LACMTA for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 for each of the following modes:

- Motor Bus directly operated (MB-DO)
- Motor Bus purchased transportation (MB-PT)
- Rapid Bus directly operated (RB-DO)
- Heavy Rail directly operated (HR-DO)
- Light Rail directly operated (LR-DO)
- Vanpool purchased transportation (VP-PT)
- Demand Response directly operated (DR DO)
- a. Obtain and read a copy of written procedures related to the system for reporting and maintaining data in accordance with the NTD requirements and definitions set forth in 49 CFR Part 630, Federal Register, dated January 15, 1993 and as presented in the 2024 Policy Manual. If procedures are not written, discuss the procedures with the personnel assigned responsibility of supervising the NTD data preparation and maintenance.

#### Findings: Procedure performed without exception.

- b. Discuss the procedures (written or informal) with the personnel assigned responsibility of supervising the preparation and maintenance of NTD data to determine:
  - The extent to which the transit agency followed the procedures on a continuous basis, and
  - Whether they believe such procedures result in accumulation and reporting of data consistent with the NTD definitions and requirements set forth in 49 CFR Part 630, Federal Register, dated January 15, 1993 and as presented in the 2024 Policy Manual.

#### Findings: Procedure performed without exception.

c. Ask these same personnel about the retention policy that the transit agency follows as to source documents supporting NTD data reported on the Federal Funding Allocation Statistics form (FFA-10).

#### Findings: Procedure performed without exception.

d. Based on a description of the transit agency's procedures obtained in items a and b above, identify all the source documents that the transit agency must retain for a minimum of three years. For each type of source document, select three months out of the year and determine whether the document exists for each of these periods.

Findings: We selected a haphazard sample of source documents from all modes and from several different months in fiscal years 2023, 2022, and 2021 to ensure they were retained for a minimum of three years. We observed that the source documents were maintained for each fiscal year as required.

e. Discuss the system of internal controls. Inquire whether separate individuals (independent of the individuals preparing source documents and posting data summaries) review the source documents and data summaries for completeness, accuracy, and reasonableness and how often these individuals perform such reviews.

Findings: Per inquiry with the management, the individuals reviewing source documents are independent of individuals preparing the information and the review is done on a periodic basis depending on the data being reviewed.

f. Select a haphazard sample of source documents and determine whether supervisors' signatures are present as required by the system of internal controls. If supervisors' signatures are not required, inquire how personnel document supervisors' review.

Findings: We selected a haphazard sample of source documents, noting the documents that required approval included approval on all source documents. Step performed without exception.

g. Obtain the worksheets used to prepare the final data that the transit agency transcribes onto the Federal Funding Allocation Statistics form. Compare the periodic data included on the worksheets to the periodic summaries prepared by the transit agency. Test the arithmetical accuracy of the summaries.

Findings: We obtained the worksheets and agreed the data on the worksheets to the summaries provided and verified the arithmetical accuracy of the summaries without exception for modes MB-DO, RB-DO, HR-DO, LR-DO, VP-PT and DR-DO. For MB-PT, we identified a 30,667 variance when comparing Unlinked Passenger Trips (UPT) in the period summary to the Federal Funding Allocation Statistics form.

h. Discuss the procedure for accumulating and recording passenger miles traveled (PMT) data in accordance with NTD requirements with transit agency staff. Inquire whether the procedure is one of the methods specifically approved in the 2024 Policy Manual.

Findings: For rail and van pool modes, LACMTA utilized a statistical sampling method as described in FTA Circulars 2710.1A. For bus and demand response modes, LACMTA utilized a 100% count verification for passenger trips and an estimate of passenger miles based on a statistical sampling method as described in FTA Circulars 2710.2A.

- i. Discuss with transit agency staff, the transit agency's eligibility to conduct statistical sampling for PMT data every third year. Determine whether the transit agency meets NTD criteria that allow transit agencies to conduct statistical samples for accumulating PMT data every third year rather than annually. Specifically:
  - According to the 2020 Census, the public transit agency serves an urbanized area (UZA)
    of less than 500,000 population.
  - b. The public transit agency directly operates fewer than 100 revenue vehicles in all modes in annual maximum revenue service (VOMS) (in any size UZA).
  - c. Service purchased from a seller is included in the transit agency's NTD report.
  - d. For transit agencies that meet one of the above criteria, review the NTD documentation for the most recent mandatory sampling year (2024) and determine that statistical sampling was conducted and meets the 95% confidence and +10% precision requirements.
  - e. Determine how the transit agency estimated annual PMT for the current report year.

Findings: Per inquiry with LACMTA management, LACMTA does not meet any of the three criteria that allows transit agencies to conduct statistical samples for accumulating passenger

mile data every third year. Therefore, LACMTA conducts statistical sampling annually as described in procedure h.

j. Obtain a description of the sampling procedure for estimation of PMT data used by the transit agency. Obtain a copy of the transit agency's working papers or methodology used to select the actual sample of runs for recording PMT data. If the transit agency used average trip length, determine that the universe of runs was the sampling frame. Determine that the methodology used to select specific runs from the universe resulted in a haphazard selection of runs. If the transit agency missed a selected sample run, determine that a replacement sample run was haphazard. Determine that the transit agency followed the stated sampling procedure.

#### Findings: Step performed without exception.

k. Select a haphazard sample of the source documents for accumulating PMT data and determine that the data are complete (all required data are recorded) and that the computations are accurate. Select a haphazard sample of the accumulation periods and re-compute the accumulations for each of the selected periods. List the accumulation periods that were tested. Test the arithmetical accuracy of the summarization.

Findings: We selected a haphazard sample of source documents across all modes from all twelve months in fiscal year 2024, used for accumulating passenger miles traveled (PMT) data. We tested the average trip length and the total trips for each of the samples and recomputed the accumulations for each period. Step performed without exception.

I. Discuss the procedures for systematic exclusion of charter, school bus, and other ineligible vehicle miles from the calculation of actual vehicle revenue miles with transit agency staff and identify that stated procedures are followed. Select a haphazard sample of source documents used to record charter bus service and test the arithmetical accuracy of the computations.

#### Findings: Step performed without exception.

- m. For actual vehicle revenue miles (VRM) data, document the collection and recording methodology and identify that deadhead miles are systematically excluded from the computation. This is accomplished as follows:
  - If actual VRMs are calculated from schedules, document the procedures used to subtract missed trips. Select a haphazard sample of the days that service is operated, and re-compute the daily total of missed trips and missed VRMs. Test the arithmetical accuracy of the summary.
  - If actual VRMs are calculated from hubodometers, document the procedures used to calculate
    and subtract deadhead mileage. Select a haphazard sample of the hubodometer readings and
    determine that the stated procedures for hubodometer deadhead mileage adjustments are
    applied as prescribed. Test the arithmetical accuracy of the summary of intermediate
    accumulations.
  - If actual VRMs are calculated from vehicle logs, select haphazard samples of the vehicle logs and determine that the deadhead mileage has been correctly computed in accordance with FTA definitions.

Findings: Vehicle logs are used to compute the VRM data for non-fixed routes. For fixed routes, LACMTA uses monthly services reports and daily loss service records to record any missed trips. The VP-PT mode does not have any deadhead miles.

We selected a haphazard sample of source documents across all modes and recalculated the VRMs for the sample of trips, excluding deadhead miles. Step performed without exception.

n. For rail modes, obtain and read the recording and accumulation sheets for actual VRM's and identify that locomotive miles are not included in the computation.

#### Findings: Step performed without exception. There are no locomotives.

- o. If fixed guideway or High Intensity Bus directional route miles (FG or HIB DRM) are reported, interview the person responsible for maintaining and reporting the NTD data whether the operations meet the FTA definition of fixed guideway (FG) or High Intensity Bus (HIB) in that the service is:
  - Rail, trolleybus (TB), ferryboat (FB), or aerial tramway (TR) or
  - Bus (MB) service operating over exclusive or controlled access rights-of-way (ROW), and
    - Access is restricted
    - Legitimate need for restricted access is demonstrated by peak period level of service
       D or worse on parallel adjacent highway, and
    - Restricted access is enforced for freeways; priority lanes used by other high occupancy vehicles (HOV) (i.e., vanpools (VP), carpools) must demonstrate safe operation (see Fixed Guideway Segments form (P-40))

#### Findings: Step performed without exception.

p. Discuss the measurement of FG and HIB DRM with the person reporting NTD data and determine that he or she computed mileage in accordance with the FTA definitions of FG/HIB and DRM. Inquire of any service changes during the year that resulted in an increase or decrease in DRMs. If a service change resulted in a change in overall DRMs, re-compute the average monthly DRMs, and reconcile the total to the FG/HIB DRM reported on the Federal Funding Allocation Statistics form.

#### Findings: Step performed without exception.

- q. Inquire if any temporary interruptions in transit service occurred during the report year. If these interruptions were due to maintenance or rehabilitation improvements to a FG segment(s), the following apply:
  - Report DRMs for the segment(s) for the entire report year if the interruption is less than 12 months in duration. Report the months of operation on the FG/HIB segments form as 12. The transit agency should document the interruption.
  - If the improvements cause a service interruption on the FG-DRMs lasting more than 12 months, the transit agency should contact their validation analyst to discuss. FTA will make a determination on how the DRMs should be reported.

Findings: Per inquiry of management, no temporary interruptions in transit service occurred in fiscal year 2024.

r. Measure FG/HIB DRM from maps or by retracing route.

Findings: Step performed without exception.

s. Discuss whether other public transit agencies operate service over the same FG/HIB as the transit agency. If yes, determine that the transit agency coordinated with the other transit agency (or agencies) such that the DRMs for the segment of FG/HIB are reported only once to the NTD on the Federal Funding Allocation form. Each transit agency should report the actual VRM, PMT, and OE for the service operated over the same FG/HIB.

Findings: Per inquiry of management, LACMTA is the approved operator for all their FG and LACMTA is reporting their actual VRM, PMT, and OE for their services. Step performed without exception.

t. Review the FG/HIB segments form. Discuss the Agency Revenue Service Start Date for any segments added in the 2024 report year with the persons reporting NTD data. This is the commencement date of revenue service for each FG/HIB segment. Determine that the date reported is the date that the agency began revenue service. This may be later than the Original Date of Revenue Service if the transit agency is not the original operator. If a segment was added for the 2024 report year, the Agency Revenue Service Date must occur within the transit agency's 2024 fiscal year. Segments are grouped by like characteristics. Note that for apportionment purposes, under the State of Good Repair (§5337) and Bus and Bus Facilities (§5339) programs, the 7-year age requirement for fixed guideway/High Intensity Bus segments is based on the report year when the segment is first reported by any NTD transit agency. This pertains to segments reported for the first time in the current report year. Even if a transit agency can document an Agency Revenue Service Start Date prior to the current NTD report year, the FTA will only consider segments continuously reported to the NTD.

Findings: Per inquiry with management, there were no new segments added during the year. No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure.

u. Compare operating expenses with audited financial data after reconciling items are removed.

Findings: Operating expenses were compared to the trial balance subject to audit without exception for modes MB-DO, HR-DO, LR-DO, VP-PT and DR-DO. Per review of operating expenses compared to audited financial data for MB-PT, a variance of \$6,313 or 0.01% was noted. Per review of operating expenses compared to audited financial data for RB-DO, a variance of \$5,228,598 or 24% was noted.

v. If the transit agency purchases transportation services, interview the personnel reporting the NTD data on the amount of purchased transportation-generated fare revenues. The purchased transportation fare revenues should equal the amount reported on the Contractual Relationship form (B-30).

Findings: For MB-PT we compared the PT fare revenues to the B-30 form without exception. This procedure is not applicable for the VP-PT.

w. If the transit agency's report contains data for purchased transportation services and the procedures in this auditor's review were not applied to the purchased transportation services, obtain a copy of the IAS-FFA regarding data for the purchased transportation service. Attach a copy of the statement to the report. Note as a negative finding if the purchased transportation services were not included in this auditor's review, and the transit agency also does not have a separate Independent Auditor's Statement for the purchased transportation data.

Findings: We inquired to management and noted that the report does include purchased transportation from private operators, but that an Independent Auditor Statement is not required since LACMTA is a public transportation provider and the PT expenditures are included on the B-30 form.

x. If the transit agency purchases transportation services, obtain a copy of the purchased transportation contract and determine that the contract specifies the public transportation services to be provided; the monetary consideration obligated by the transit agency or governmental unit contracting for the service; the period covered by the contract (and that this period overlaps the entire, or a portion of, the period covered by the transit agency's NTD report); and is signed by representatives of both parties to the contract. Interview the person responsible for retention of the executed contract and determine that copies of the contracts are retained for three years.

Findings: We obtained a copy of the PT contract for each provider and noted that the contract included a description of the services to be provided, the monetary consideration obligated by LACMTA for the service, and the period covered by the contract and that this period is the same as, or a portion of, the period covered by LACMTA's NTD report; and is signed by representatives of both parties to the contract. Management stated that copies of the executed contracts are retained for the last three years, as applicable.

y. If the transit agency provides service in more than one UZA, or between an UZA and a non-UZA, inquire of the procedures for allocation of statistics between UZAs and non-UZAs. Obtain and review the FG segment worksheets, route maps, and urbanized area boundaries used for allocating the statistics, and determine that the stated procedure is followed and that the computations are correct.

Findings: Per management, LACMTA provides most of their services in one UZA and therefore it is all allocated to that one UZA. Additionally, all the services provided are in urbanized areas and allocations to non-urbanized areas are not required, therefore the procedure is not applicable.

z. Compare the data reported on the Federal Funding Allocation Statistics Form to data from the prior report year and calculate the percentage change from the prior year to the current year. For actual VRM, PMT or OE data that have increased or decreased by more than 10%, or FG DRM data that have increased or decreased. Interview transit agency management regarding the specifics of operations that led to the increases or decreases in the data relative to the prior reporting period.

Findings: We compared and agreed the data reported on the FFA-10 form to comparable data for the prior report year and calculated the percentage change from the prior year to the current year.

The following changes outside the threshold were identified for each mode. For all changes identified, we inquired to LACMTA and documented the explanations for the variances.

- VP-PT no changes greater than 10%
- MB-DO no changes greater than 10%
- MB-PT OE decreased greater than 10%
- RB-DO OE decreased greater than 10%
- HR-DO PMT decreased greater than 10% and OE increased greater than 10%
- LR-DO PMT, VRM and OE increased greater than 10%
- DR-DO PMT increased greater than 10% and OE decreased greater than 10%

aa. The auditor should document the specific procedures followed, documents reviewed, and tests performed in the work papers. The work papers should be available for FTA review for a minimum of three years following the NTD report year. The auditor may perform additional procedures, which are agreed to by the auditor and the transit agency, if desired. The auditor should clearly identify the additional procedures performed in a separate attachment to the statement as procedures that were agreed to by the transit agency and the auditor but not by the FTA.

Findings: Step performed without exception.



## LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT OPERATIONS AGENCY

50% EXPENDITURE LIMITATION SCHEDULE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT OPERATIONS AGENCY

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The Board of Directors
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Los Angeles, California

#### Report on Compliance for the Transportation Development Act Program

#### Opinion on the Transportation Development Act Program

We have audited the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the Transportation Development Act Guidebook, including Public Utility Code Section 99245 as enacted and amended by statute, and the allocation instructions and resolutions of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (as Planning Agency) as required by Section 6667 of the California Code of Regulations adopted by the California Department of Transportation (collectively, Transportation Development Act [TDA]) that could have a direct and material effect on LACMTA's compliance with the Transportation Development Act for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

In our opinion, LACMTA complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the TDA program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

#### Basis for Opinion on the Transportation Development Act Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (Government Auditing Standards); and the audit requirements specified in the Transportation Development Act. Our responsibilities under those standards and the Transportation Development Act are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of LACMTA and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for the Transportation Development Act program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of LACMTA's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Transportation Development Act program.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on LACMTA's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Transportation Development Act will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about LACMTA's compliance with the requirements of the Transportation Development Act program.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Transportation Development Act, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and
  perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test
  basis, evidence regarding the LACMTA's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to
  above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the LACMTA's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order
  to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal
  control over compliance in accordance with the Transportation Development Act, but not for the
  purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the LACMTA's internal control over
  compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

#### **Report on 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 with a type of compliance requirement of the Transportation Development Act program 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, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of the Transportation Development Act program 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 a type of compliance requirement of the Transportation Development Act program 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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 Transportation Development Act. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

#### Report on 50% Expenditure Limitation Schedule

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of LACMTA as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise LACMTA's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2024, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying 50% expenditure limitation schedule is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Transportation Development Act and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 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 basic financial statements or to the 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 50% expenditure limitation schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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Los Angeles, California December 18, 2024

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT 50% EXPENDITURE LIMITATION SCHEDULE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

(Amounts expressed in thousands)

1 Total operating cost	\$ 2,358,811
2 Total capital requirements	2,055,999
3 Total debt service	 552,323
4 Total of lines 1, 2, and 3	4,967,133
5 Less federal grant received	1,026,975
6 Less State Transit Assistance (STA) funds received	 271,194
7 Total of lines 5 and 6	 1,298,169
8 Total of line 4 less line 7	3,668,964
50% of line 8	1,834,482
Total permissible Local Transportation Fund expenditures	\$ 1,834,482

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS (SECTIONS 6640-6662); REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

The Board of Directors
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Los Angeles, California

#### Report on Compliance for the Transportation Development Act Program

#### Opinion on the Transportation Development Act Program

We have audited the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the Transportation Development Act Guidebook, including California Code of Regulations (Sections 6640-6662) (Transportation Development Act [TDA]) and SB1 State of Good Repair that could have a direct and material effect on LACMTA's compliance with the Transportation Development Act for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

In our opinion, LACMTA complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the TDA program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

#### Basis for Opinion on the Transportation Development Act Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (Government Auditing Standards); and the audit requirements specified in the Transportation Development Act. Our responsibilities under those standards and the Transportation Development Act are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of LACMTA and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for the Transportation Development Act program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of LACMTA's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Transportation Development Act program.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on LACMTA's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, Government Auditing Standards, and the Transportation Development Act will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about LACMTA's compliance with the requirements of the Transportation Development Act program.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Transportation Development Act, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design
  and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a
  test basis, evidence regarding LACMA's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to
  above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of LACMTA's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order
  to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on
  internal control over compliance in accordance with the Transportation Development Act, but not
  for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of LACMTA's internal control over
  compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

#### **Report on 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 with a type of compliance requirement of the Transportation Development Act program 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, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of the Transportation Development Act program 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 a type of compliance requirement of the Transportation Development Act program 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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 Transportation Development Act. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

#### Report on Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of LACMTA as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise LACMTA's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2024, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Transportation Development Act and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 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 basic financial statements or to the 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 schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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Los Angeles, California December 18, 2024

### LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

#### TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT

# SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

(Amounts expressed in thousands)

Revenues:	 Planning	Adm	inistration	Total
Local grants and contracts	\$ 10,500	\$	4,379 \$	14,879
<b>Expenditures:</b>	 10,500		4,379	14,879
Excess of revenues over expenditures	_		_	_
Other financing uses;				
Transfer out	 		<del></del>	
Net change in fund balance	_		_	_
Fund balance – beginning of year	 <u> </u>		<u>—</u>	
Fund balance – end of year	\$	\$	— \$	

See notes to Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balances.

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT

# NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30,2024

#### (1) Transportation Planning Agency

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) is the regional transportation planning agency responsible for long-range transportation planning and is designated under the provisions of Section 65080 of the California Government Code (the Code) to prepare and adopt the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). Both the RTP and RTIP are directed to achieve a coordinated and balanced regional transportation system for the county in its jurisdiction. LACMTA is also the administrator of the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) under the provisions of Section 9532 of the Code.

The LTF was created by the Transportation Development Act (TDA) to fund transit projects in each county. The LTF retail sales taxes collected statewide by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, and which are returned to individual counties according to the amount collected within that county. Los Angeles County sales tax receipts are deposited in the Los Angeles County Treasurer's Office. LACMTA, as administrator of the LTF, is authorized to distribute funds from the Treasurer's Office to claimants for transit projects that are in accordance with the Code.

#### (2) Basis of Accounting

The TDA Fund uses the modified accrual basis of accounting as required by generally accepted accounting principles. Under this basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available, and expenditures are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred.

### (3) State of Good Repair

Total State of Good Repair (SGR) funds received for the year totals \$37,617 consisting of \$16,273 for PUC Section 99313 and \$21,344 for PUC Section 99314. Total expenditures and transfers out are \$13,992 and \$9,206 for PUC Sections 99313 and 99314 respectively.

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

**Financial Statements** 

Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Los Angeles, California

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of the State Transit Assistance Fund (the STA Fund) of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA), as of and for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the STA Fund, of LACMTA, as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, 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.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of LACMTA, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the STA Fund and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of LACMTA, as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows 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.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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 for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
  fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures
  include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial
  statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 STA Fund's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of allocations, and schedule of expenditures and transfers but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the basic financial statements does not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 18, 2024 on our consideration of the STA Fund'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 solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the STA Fund's 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 STA Fund's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Crowe LLP

Los Angeles, California December 18, 2024



# 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

The Board of Directors
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Los Angeles, California

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 State Transit Assistance Fund (the STA Fund) of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the STA Fund's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2024. As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the STA Fund and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of LACMTA, the changes in its financial position, or where applicable, its cash flows in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the STA Fund's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the STA Fund's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the STA Fund'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 entity's 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 audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the STA Fund'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 financial statements. 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 results 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.

Crowe LLP

Los Angeles, California December 18, 2024

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) Fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's State Transit Assistance Special Revenue Fund (the STA Fund) was created in accordance with the provisions of the Transportation Development Act (the Act) as administered by the Department of Transportation of the State of California (the State). Sales tax revenues of the STA Fund represent an allocation of sales tax on diesel and gas fuel collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration. Expenditures from the STA Fund are made by Los Angeles County (the County) in accordance with written instructions issued by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) under the terms of the Act.

Our discussion and analysis of STA Fund's financial performance presents an overview of the STA Fund's financial activities during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024, and 2023. We encourage readers to consider information presented here in conjunction with the financial statements (beginning on page 8). The financial statements, notes to the financial statements, and this discussion and analysis were prepared by management and are the responsibility of the management.

All amounts are expressed in thousands of dollars unless otherwise indicated.

#### 2024 Financial Highlights

- Sales tax revenues for the fiscal year decreased by \$35,524 or 11.84% compared with the prior year. Sales tax in FY24 decreased mainly due to lower allocations received from the State brought about by changes in consumer purchases and fuel prices.
- Actual sales tax revenues in FY24 totaled \$264,610 was higher by \$76,645 or 40.78% than the original and final budget of \$187,965 which was projected at 37.37% lower than FY23 actual revenues.
- Total transfers out increased by \$106,562 or 64.73% compared to the previous year mainly due to the increase
  in subsidies for Metro's rail operations and maintenance costs. Transportation subsidies to cities/other agencies
  also increased by \$17,048 or 59.60% over FY23 due to higher claims and higher city allocations in the current
  year.

#### 2023 Financial Highlights

- Sales tax revenues for the fiscal year increased by \$91,527 or 43.88% compared with the prior year. Sales tax in FY23 significantly increased due to higher gas prices and more people travelling after the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Actual sales tax revenues in FY23 totaled \$300,134 was higher by \$106,472 or 55% than the original and final budget of \$193,662 which was projected at 7.72% lower than FY22 actual revenues.
- Total transfers out increased by \$76,601 or 87.02% compared to the previous year mainly due to the increase in subsidies for Metro's rail operations and maintenance costs. Transportation subsidies to cities/other agencies also increased by \$8,458 or 41.98% over FY22 due to higher claims and higher city allocations in the current year.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) Fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

#### **Overview of Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis serves as an introduction to the financial statements. The STA Fund's financial statements consist of two components: (1) the fund financial statements, and (2) the notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other information in addition to the financial statements.

The condensed balance sheets show the STA Fund's assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022. The differences between the assets and liabilities are reported as fund balance. The fund balance may serve as a useful indicator of the STA Fund's financial health.

The comparative statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for the fiscal years show the underlying events or activities of the fund that impacted the fund balances.

#### **Condensed Balance Sheets**

	2024			2023	2022	
Total assets	\$	371,303	\$	313,817	\$	165,726
Total liabilities		176,573		77,063		41,230
Fund balances		194,730		236,754		124,496
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	371,303	\$	313,817	\$	165,726

Total assets increased by \$57,486 or 18.32% as of June 30, 2024 compared to June 30, 2023 primarily due to the increase in the interfund receivables and interest receivables. Total liabilities increased by \$99,510 or 129.13% as of June 30, 2024 compared to June 30, 2023 mainly due to the increase in the interfund payables and accrual of subsidies allocated to LACMTA Enterprise Fund for bus and rail operations and maintenance.

Total assets increased by \$148,091 or 89.36% as of June 30, 2023 compared to June 30, 2022 primarily due to the increase in sales receipts and higher sales tax and interest receivables. Total liabilities increased by \$35,833 or 86.91% as of June 30, 2023 compared to June 30, 2022 mainly due to the increase in accrual of subsidies allocated to LACMTA Enterprise Fund for bus and rail operations and maintenance.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) Fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

#### Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances

	:	2024	2023	2022
Revenues	\$	274,822	\$ 305,494	\$ 209,072
Expenditures and other financing uses				
of funds		(316,846)	(193,236)	(108,177)
Net change in fund balances		(42,024)	112,258	100,895
Fund balances – beginning of year		236,754	124,496	23,601
Fund balances – end of year	\$	194,730	\$ 236,754	\$ 124,496

Total revenues decreased by \$30,672 or 10.04% during fiscal year 2024 compared to fiscal year 2023 primarily due to decrease in sales tax revenues. Expenditures and other financing uses increased by \$123,610 or 63.97% during fiscal 2024 compared to fiscal year 2023 mainly due to increase in bus and rail operating subsidies transferred to the LACMTA Enterprise Fund and an increase in local transportation subsidies claims by the cities/other local transportation agencies.

Total revenues increased by \$96,422 or 46.12% during fiscal year 2023 compared to fiscal year 2022 primarily due to increase in sales tax revenues. Expenditures and other financing uses increased by \$85,059 or 78.63% during fiscal 2023 compared to fiscal year 2022 mainly due to increase in bus and rail operating subsidies transferred to the LACMTA Enterprise Fund and an increase in local transportation subsidies claims by the cities/other local transportation agencies.

Balance Sheets
June 30, 2024 and 2023
(Amounts expressed in thousands)

	2024			2023		
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	163,128	\$	220,753		
Interest receivable		2,253		2,115		
Sales tax receivable		71,472		77,927		
Due from other funds		134,450	_	13,022		
Total assets		371,303		313,817		
Liabilities						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		11,405		7,013		
Due to other funds		165,168		70,050		
Total liabilities		176,573		77,063		
Fund balances Restricted		194,730		236,754		
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	371,303	\$	313,817		

Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 (Amounts expressed in thousands)

	 2024		2023
Revenues:			
Sales tax	\$ 264,610	\$	300,134
Investment income	10,212		5,360
Total revenues	274,822		305,494
Expenditures:			
Transportation subsidies	 45,652		28,604
Excess of revenues over expenditures	 229,170		276,890
Other financing uses:			
Transfers out	 (271,194)		(164,632)
Net change in fund balances	(42,024)		112,258
Fund balances - beginning of year	 236,754	. <u></u>	124,496
Fund balances - end of year	\$ 194,730	\$	236,754

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2024 and 2023

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) General Description

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's State Transit Assistance Special Revenue Fund (the STA Fund) was created in accordance with the provisions of the Transportation Development Act (the Act) as administered by the Department of Transportation of the State of California (the State). Sales tax revenues of the STA Fund represent an allocation of retail sales tax on diesel and gas fuel collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration. Disbursements from the STA Fund are made by Los Angeles County (the County) in accordance with written instructions issued by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) under the terms of the Act.

#### (b) Basis of Accounting

The STA Fund is reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as they become both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, LACMTA considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 90 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred and a valid claim is presented. Transportation subsidies are recorded when all of the eligibility requirements have been met, including the receipt of the reimbursement request.

#### (c) Fund Accounting

LACMTA utilizes fund accounting to report its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities. The STA Fund is considered a governmental fund. The measurement focus is the determination of changes in financial position, rather than net income determination. Additionally, the STA Fund is considered a special revenue governmental fund. Special revenue funds are used to account for proceeds of specific revenue sources including sales tax that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

#### (d) Financial Statement Presentation

The accompanying financial statements present only the STA Fund and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the LACMTA as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the changes in its financial position, or where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2024 and 2023

#### (e) Cash and Cash Equivalents

The STA Fund's cash and cash equivalents include deposits with the Los Angeles County Investment Pool (LACIP). The STA Fund is an involuntary participant in the LACIP.

#### (f) Sales Tax Receivable

Sales tax receivables represent uncollected amounts from the allocation of retail sales tax on diesel fuel and gas fuel collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the STA Fund had receivables of \$71,472 and \$77,927 respectively.

#### 2. Cash and Investments

Cash balances of the STA Fund are pooled with other County funds and invested by the Los Angeles County Treasurer (the Treasurer). These funds are subject to withdrawal from the Treasurer's pool upon demand.

STA Fund's pooled cash and investments with the LACIP amounted to \$163,128 at June 30, 2024 and \$220,753 at June 30, 2023. The County Board of Supervisors provides regulatory oversight for the LACIP. The value of the position in the investment pool is the same as the value of the pool. The investment pool is not rated for purposes of evaluating credit risk as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

Detailed information concerning the County's pooled cash and investments can be found in the County of Los Angeles Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). A copy of the County's ACFR can be obtained by writing to the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller, 500 West Temple Street, Room 525, Los Angeles, CA 90012-2766.

#### 3. Due to/from Other Funds

Due to or from other funds represent payables owed to or receivable from a particular LACMTA fund for temporary loans, advances, goods delivered, or services rendered. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the STA Fund had a net payable mainly to LACMTA's Enterprise Fund for \$165,168 and \$70,050, respectively, for various unpaid operating and capital subsidies. Due mainly from Enterprise Fund is \$134,450 as of June 30, 2024 and \$13,022 as of June 30, 2023.

#### 4. Interfund Transfers

Transfers represent permanent, legally authorized transfers from a fund receiving revenue to the fund through which resources are to be expended. These transfers represent operating and capital subsidies given out from one fund to another fund. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the STA Fund transferred \$271,194 and \$164,632 to LACMTA Enterprise Fund, respectively.

#### 5. Sales Tax Revenue

Sales tax revenue represents amounts from the allocation of retail sales tax on diesel fuel and gas fuel collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration. For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the STA Fund received an allocation of \$264,610 and \$300,134 respectively.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2024 and 2023

#### 6. Payable to Cities and Jurisdictions

As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the STA Fund had accrued liabilities to various cities and other jurisdictions of \$11,405 and \$7,013, respectively. These accrued liabilities represented claims for the current fiscal year allocation that were disbursed by the STA Fund in the following fiscal year.

# Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual (Unaudited) Fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

	Original			Va	riance with
	Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Fir	nal budget
Revenues:					
Sales tax	\$ 187,965	\$ 187,965	\$ 264,610	\$	76,645
Investment income			10,212		10,212
Total revenues	187,965	187,965	274,822		86,857
Expenditures:					
Transportation subsidies	41,131	41,131	45,652		(4,521)
Excess of revenues over expenditures	146,834	146,834	229,170		82,336
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers out	(141,020)	(141,020)	(271,194)		(130,174)
Net change in fund balances	5,814	5,814	(42,024)		(47,838)
Fund balances – beginning of year	236,754	236,754	236,754		
Fund balances – end of year	\$ 242,568	\$ 242,568	\$ 194,730	\$	(47,838)

Schedule of Allocations (Unaudited)
Fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023
(Amounts expressed in thousands)

CCR Code	Operating 6730(a)	Capi 6730			Rail '30(c)	2024 Total	2023 Total
Arcadia	\$ 122	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 122	\$ 89
Claremont	43		_		_	43	29
Commerce	156		_		_	156	82
Culver City	1,974		_		_	1,974	1,557
Foothill Transit	9,363		_		_	9,363	7,469
Gardena	1,934		_		_	1,934	1,428
La Mirada	35		_		_	35	22
Long Beach	8,726		_		_	8,726	6,450
LACMTA	104,578		_	-	154,578	259,156	164,211
Montebello	2,999		_		_	2,999	2,290
Norwalk	1,145		_		_	1,145	891
Redondo Beach	294		_		_	294	206
Santa Monica	7,443		_		_	7,443	5,684
Torrance	2,294		_		_	2,294	1,848
Antelope Valley	1,026		_		_	1,026	780
LADOT	2,283		_		_	2,283	1,668
Santa Clarita	854		_		_	854	653
Foothill –BSCP	459		_			 459	 361
Total STA fund allocations	\$ 145,728	\$	_	\$ <u>1</u>	154,578	\$ 300,306	\$ 195,719

Schedule of Expenditures and Transfers (Unaudited) Fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 (Amounts expressed in thousands)

FY2024 FY2023 **CCR Code** Operating Rail Rail Capital Operating Capital 6730(a) 6730(b) 6730(c) 6730(a) 6730(b) 6730(c) Total Total \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ Antelope Valley \$450 \$ 450 Arcadia 122 122 121 121 Claremont Commerce 156 156 83 83 1,974 **Culver City** 1,974 1,557 1,557 **Foothill Transit** 9,822 7,830 7,830 9,822 Gardena 1,934 1,934 1,428 16 1,444 La Mirada 37 37 Long Beach 8,725 8,725 6,451 6,451 **LACMTA** 77,437 193,757 271,194 78,909 85,723 164,632 LADOT 8,260 8,260 Montebello 1,722 457 2,179 1,385 88 326 1,799 Norwalk 891 891 1,145 1,145 Redondo Beach 294 294 206 206 Santa Clarita 854 854 653 653 Santa Monica 7,443 7,443 5,684 5,684 Torrance 2,294 2,294 1,848 1,848 \_ \_ Total expenditures & 122,182 \$ 907 \$ 193,757 \$ 316,846 \$ 107,083 \$ 104 \$ 86,049 \$ 193,236 transfers



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE

The Board of Directors
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Los Angeles, California

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 State Transit Assistance Fund (the STA Fund) of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA), which comprise the balance sheet as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for the years then ended, and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2024.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that LACMTA failed to comply with the terms, covenants, provisions, or conditions of Section 6751 of the California Code of Regulations, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding LACMTA's noncompliance with the above-referenced terms, covenants, provisions, or conditions, insofar as they relate to accounting matters.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, LACMTA's Board of Directors, others within LACMTA, and regulatory agencies, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Crowe LLP

Crowe HP

Los Angeles, California December 18, 2024

(A Component Unit of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority)

Financial Statements and Supplementary Information

June 30, 2024

(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors
Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies
Los Angeles, California

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE), a component unit of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise SAFE's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of SAFE as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of SAFE, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about SAFE's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
  fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures
  include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial
  statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 SAFE's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about SAFE's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise SAFE's basic financial statements. The schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances – budget and actual is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 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 basic financial statements or to the 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 schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances – budget and actual is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 18, 2024 on our consideration of SAFE'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 solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of SAFE's 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 SAFE's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Crowe LLP

Crowe HP

Los Angeles, California December 18, 2024

(A Component Unit of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) Statement of Net Position June 30, 2024

(Amounts expressed in thousands)

	Governmental Activities		
Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	12,786	
Investments		31,118	
Intergovernmental receivable		1,395	
Accounts receivable		3	
Interest receivable		223	
Total assets		45,525	
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		706	
Total liabilities		706	
Net position:			
Restricted for motorist aid system projects		44,819	
Total net position	\$	44,819	

(A Component Unit of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) Statement of Activities For year ended June 30, 2024 (Amounts expressed in thousands)

	Governmental Activitie		
Program expenses, net of revenues:			
Transit operations:			
Congestion relief operations	\$	4,387	
Total program expenses		4,387	
General revenues:			
License fees		7,957	
Investment income		1,845	
Total general revenues		9,802	
Change in net position		5,415	
Net position – beginning of year		39,404	
Net position – end of year	\$	44,819	

(A Component Unit of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) Balance Sheet June 30, 2024

(Amounts expressed in thousands)

	Special Revenue Fund		
Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	12,786	
Investments		31,118	
Intergovernmental receivable		1,395	
Accounts receivable		3	
Interest receivable		223	
Total assets	\$	45,525	
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		706	
Fund balance:			
Restricted for motorist aid system projects		44,819	
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	45,525	

(A Component Unit of the

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance For year ended June 30, 2024

(Amounts expressed in thousands)

	Special Revenue Fund	
Revenues:		
License fees	\$	7,957
Investment income		1,845
Total revenues		9,802
Expenditures:		
Administration and other transportation projects		4,387
Total expenditures		4,387
Net change in fund balance		
Fund balance – beginning of year		39,404
Fund balance – end of year	\$	44,819

(A Component Unit of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) Notes to the Basic Financial Statements June 30, 2024

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The notes to the basic financial statements are a summary of significant accounting policies and other disclosures considered necessary for a clear understanding of the accompanying basic financial statements.

Unless otherwise indicated, all dollar amounts are expressed in thousands.

#### (1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) Reporting Entity

The Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) was created in February 1988 pursuant to California Streets and Highway Code Section 2550 et seq., and is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and administration of the Los Angeles County Kenneth Hahn Call Box system. Under the authority of the above section, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) is the designated SAFE for Los Angeles County.

As LACMTA's board is SAFE's board, SAFE is a component unit of LACMTA and is included in LACMTA's financial statements as a blended component unit.

#### (b) Operations

SAFE is responsible for the implementation, maintenance, operation, and administration of motorist aid on the network of freeways, highways, and unincorporated county roads within Los Angeles County. SAFE operates and maintains approximately 625 (not in thousands) call boxes along 436 (not in thousands) miles of freeways, state highways, and selected county roads in Los Angeles County. SAFE also funds, operates, and manages the Southern California 511 traveler information system. This system provides real-time and planned traffic, transit and other related traveler information to the public via the phone, web and mobile application.

#### (c) Government-wide Financial Statements

SAFE's financial statements, prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*, consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position, statement of activities, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

(A Component Unit of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) Notes to the Basic Financial Statements June 30, 2024

The government-wide financial statements report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the agency and are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses, including centralized expenses of a given function or segment, are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. License fees and investment earnings not considered program revenues are reported as general revenues.

#### (d) Fund Accounting

SAFE utilizes fund accounting to report its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

Governmental funds are used to account for SAFE's activities. The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Additionally, the SAFE fund is considered a special revenue governmental fund. Special revenue funds are used to account for specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to specific purposes. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, SAFE considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 90 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, and a valid claim is presented.

#### (e) Fund Balance and Net Position

Restricted fund balance and net position include amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes stipulated by enabling legislation, by grants, creditors, or by regulations of other governments. SAFE's fund balance and net position were classified as restricted as they can only be used in accordance with the provisions of the California Streets and Highway Code Section 2550 et seq by which the fund was created.

(A Component Unit of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) Notes to the Basic Financial Statements June 30, 2024

#### (f) Budgetary Accounting

Enabling legislation and adopted policies and procedures provide that the SAFE Board of Directors approve an annual budget. The Board of Directors conducts a public hearing for discussion of the proposed annual budget prior to adoption of the final budget. Unexpended appropriations lapse at year-end. The legal level of control is at the fund level, and expenses may not exceed total appropriations without board approval. By policy, the board has provided procedures for management to make revisions within operational or project budgets when there is no net dollar impact to total appropriations. The budget is prepared on a generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) basis.

#### (g) Cash and Investments

SAFE maintains a minimum balance with the Los Angeles County Treasurer's external investment pool. Balances more than \$50 are withdrawn and deposited into the LACMTA internal investment pool. Cash and investments are reported at fair market value which is the quoted market price.

#### (h) Receivables

Receivables are net of estimated allowances for uncollectible accounts which are determined based on experience. Receivables include license fees due from the State Department of Motor Vehicles. As of June 30, 2024, SAFE has a receivable for license fees of \$1,395.

#### (i) Vehicle Registration Fees

Vehicle registration fees revenue is recognized when earned and is generated by a \$1 (amount not in thousands) per each car registered in Los Angeles County, which is collected by the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

#### (j) Effects of New GASB Pronouncements

There were no new GASB Pronouncements applicable to SAFE for the year ended June 30, 2024.

(A Component Unit of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) Notes to the Basic Financial Statements June 30, 2024

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#### (2) Cash and Investments

The following is a breakdown of SAFE's cash and investments as of June 30, 2024.

LACMTA investment pool	\$ 43,168
Los Angeles County investment pool	736
Total	\$ 43,904

SAFE's cash balances are pooled with other LACMTA funds participating in the investment pool by the LACMTA Treasurer. These funds are subject to withdrawal from the Treasurer's pool upon demand. The LACMTA Board of Directors provides regulatory oversight for the LACMTA pool. Each fund maintains an equity interest in the pool and is presented as cash and investments in the Statement of Net Position. The value of the position in the investment pool is the same as the value of the pool. The investment pool is not rated for purposes of evaluating credit risk as of June 30, 2024. Detailed information regarding the LACMTA's pooled cash and investments can be found in the LACMTA Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). A copy of the LACMTA's ACFR can be obtained by submitting a written request to the Accounting Department, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952.

SAFE's cash balances are also pooled with other County funds and invested by the Los Angeles County Treasurer. These funds are subject to withdrawal from the Treasurer's pool upon demand. The County Board of Supervisors provides regulatory oversight for the Los Angeles County Investment Pool (LACIP). The value of the position in the investment pool is the same as the value of the pool. The investment pool is not rated for purposes of evaluating credit risk as of June 30, 2024. Detailed information regarding the County's pooled cash and investments can be found in the County of Los Angeles Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). A copy of the County's ACFR can be obtained by submitting a written request to the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller, 500 West Temple Street, Room 525, Los Angeles, CA 90012-2766.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Risk Disclosure - an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 3*, certain required disclosures regarding investment policies and practices with respect

#### SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAY EMERGENCIES

(A Component Unit of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) Notes to the Basic Financial Statements June 30, 2024

to the risk associated with their concentration of credit risk, custodial credit risk, interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk are discussed in the following paragraphs:

#### (a) Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk associated with a lack of diversification or having too much invested in a few individual shares. SAFE maintains investment policies that establish thresholds for holdings of individual securities. SAFE does not have any holdings meeting or exceeding these threshold levels. As of June 30, 2024, SAFE does not have any investments with more than 5% of the total investments under one issuer except for obligations of the U.S. government or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government.

#### (b) Custodial Credit Risk

SAFE has no known custodial credit risk for deposits as financial institutions are required by the California Government Code to collateralize deposits of public funds by pledging government securities as collateral. Such collateralization of public funds is accomplished by pooling.

#### (c) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rate will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. SAFE measures interest rate risk on its short-term investments using the effective duration method. SAFE maintains policy requiring the average duration of the externally managed short-term investments not to exceed 150% of the benchmark duration and the average duration of the internally managed short-term investments not to exceed three years.

#### (d) Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair values of the cash deposits or investments. As of June 30, 2024, there is no exposure to currency risk as all SAFE cash deposits and investments are denominated in U.S. dollar currency.

#### (3) Significant Commitments

SAFE has entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Public Transportation Services Corporation (PTSC), a blended component unit of LACMTA, for PTSC to provide cost reimbursable

## SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAY EMERGENCIES

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administrative support services to SAFE. The MOU will remain in effect until terminated by either party with a minimum of sixty (60) days written notice.

SAFE had \$610 of outstanding contractual commitments as of June 30, 2024 that had not been claimed or disbursed.

## SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAY EMERGENCIES

(A Component Unit of the

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority)

Schedules of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual For the Fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

(Amounts expressed in thousands)

	Original Budget*		Final Budget*		Actual		Variance with Final Budget	
Revenues:								
License fees	\$	8,297	\$	8,297	\$	7,957	\$	(340)
Investment income		100		100		1,498		1,398
Net appreciation in fair value of investments		_		_		347		347
Total revenues		8,397		8,397		9,802		1,405
Expenditures:								
Administration and other transportation projects		8,756		8,756		4,387		4,369
Total expenditures		8,756		8,756		4,387		4,369
Net change in fund balance		(359)		(359)		5,415		5,774
Fund balances – beginning of year		39,405		39,405		39,404		_
Fund balances – end of year	\$	39,046	\$	39,046	\$	44,819	\$	5,774

<sup>\*</sup>Budget prepared in accordance with GAAP.



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

The Board of Directors
Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies
Los Angeles, California

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 governmental activities and the major fund of the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) a component unit of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise SAFE's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2024.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered SAFE's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 SAFE's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of SAFE'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 entity's 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 audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether SAFE'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 financial statements. 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 results 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.

Crowe LLP

Los Angeles, California December 18, 2024



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

## LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM COMPLIANCE REPORT

Fiscal year ended June 30, 2024



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

The Board of Directors
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Los Angeles, California

#### Report on Compliance for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Guidelines

#### Opinion on the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Guidelines

We have audited the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Guidelines adopted by the California Department of Transportation that could have a direct and material effect on LACMTA's compliance with the LCTOP Guidelines for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

In our opinion, LACMTA complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the LCTOP program for the year ended June 30, 2024.

#### Basis for Opinion on the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Guidelines

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements specified in the LCTOP Guidelines. Our responsibilities under those standards and the LCTOP Guidelines are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of LACMTA and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for the LCTOP Guidelines. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of LACMTA's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the LCTOP program.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on LACMTA's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, Government Auditing Standards, and the LCTOP Guidelines will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about LACMTA's compliance with the requirements of the LCTOP.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, Government Auditing Standards, and the LCTOP Guidelines, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design
  and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a
  test basis, evidence regarding LACMTA's compliance with the compliance requirements referred
  to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of LACMTA's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order
  to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on
  internal control over compliance in accordance with the LCTOP Guidelines, but not for the purpose
  of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of LACMTA's internal control over compliance.
  Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

#### **Report on 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 with a type of compliance requirement of the LCTOP Guidelines 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, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of the LCTOP Guidelines 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 a type of compliance requirement of the LCTOP Guidelines 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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 LCTOP Guidelines. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Los Angeles, California December 18, 2024



# **Audit Deliverables**

## **Financial Audits**

- Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)
- Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE)
- State Transit Assistance fund (STA)

## **Compliance and Other Audits**

- Single Audit for Federal Funds
- Transportation Development Act Compliance
  - California Code of Regulations Section 6667
  - California Code of Regulations Section 6640-6662
  - Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)
- National Transit Database Report on Federal Funding Allocation Statistics Form (NTD FFA-10)

## **Audit Results**

**Opinions on Financial Statements** 

Unmodified

Opinion on Uniform Guidance Compliance for Major Programs

Unmodified

New Accounting Pronouncements

No significant new accounting pronouncements

**Corrected Misstatements** 

 One posted adjustment – transfer in the amount of \$5M to record acquisition in the correct fund

**Uncorrected Misstatements** 

Two passed adjustments – total net position understated by \$31M \*

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<sup>\*</sup> Repeated from prior years: One passed adjustment is related to not recording Low Carbon Fuel Standard credits at their estimated fair value. As a result, approximately \$31M will be recognized when the credits are sold. The second passed adjustment is related to Regional Tap Service Center (RTAP) cash and accounts payable that should be reported in the fiduciary fund instead of the enterprise fund. As a result, the enterprise fund net position should be approximately \$7M lower and the fiduciary fund net position should be \$7M higher.

# **Audit Results**

Control deficiency requiring written communication:

## Preparation of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) - Significant Deficiency

<u>Condition</u>: During our review of the SEFA provided by management, we noted errors relating to incorrect clustering of programs and incorrect presentation of passed through vs direct expenditures.

<u>Cause</u>: Management's review of the SEFA was not conducted at a precision sufficient to identify errors in presentation of the amounts presented.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend that management strengthen their review process over the SEFA to ensure that all expenditures are appropriately and accurately reflected and that all minimum requirements as noted in 2 CFR 200.510 (b) are met.

<u>Management's Response</u>: Management agrees with the recommendation and corrected the FY24 SEFA. Management will strengthen the review process by performing 100 percent review of the grants for proper cluster classification. Management will also review the subrecipient expenditures for proper inclusion. Finally, Management will work closely with the SEFA contributors to identify any expenditures that should be presented as passed through to subrecipients.

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# **Required Communications**

- <u>Significant Accounting Policies</u>: Those Charged with Governance should be informed of the initial selection of and changes in significant accounting policies or their application. Management has disclosed the summary of significant accounting policies in footnote I of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).
- Management Judgments and Accounting
   Estimates: Further, accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based upon management's current judgments.

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# **Required Communications**

## We did not note:

- Significant Accounting Policies in Controversial or Emerging Areas
- Significant Unusual Transactions
- Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit
- Disagreements with Management
- Consultations with Other Accountants
- Significant Related Party Findings and Issues
- Independence matters

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# Questions?

# **Thank You**

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