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**MEASURE M INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 3, 2025**

SUBJECT: TRANSIT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET AND SERVICE METRICS

SUBJECT: RECEIVE ORAL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE oral report on review of the Measure M transit operations budget and countywide bus service metrics to support discussion on the effective and efficient use of funds.

ISSUE

To support the discussion on the effective use of Measure M fund budget and expenses, this report provides: 1) Metro's systemwide service efficiency and effectiveness metrics through fourth quarter of fiscal year 2024 (FY24) and fiscal year 2025 (FY25), 2) FY25 budget versus actual data for Metro operations and maintenance through fourth quarter, 3) Measure M transit fund allocations for Los Angeles County transit operators, expenditures and associated operating statistics through fourth quarter, and 4) the most recent National Transit Database efficiency and effectiveness data for Los Angeles County transit operators receiving Measure M funding.

EQUITY PLATFORM

Under Board-adopted Measure M Guidelines, the Measure M Transit Operations and Maintenance 20% funds allocated to transit agencies support the implementation of various transit services and improvements throughout the region. Twenty percent of Measure M Ordinance funding is allocated to Metro and the municipal transit operators on an annual basis by formula based on vehicle service miles operated and a fare unit ratio that serves as a proxy for ridership and is intended to enhance mobility for transit users and individuals with disabilities. In the fourth quarter of FY25, Metro had an increase in vehicle hours of service provided and passenger boardings. With boardings increasing the most, it demonstrates improved effectiveness, which directly benefits customers who rely on Metro for access to opportunities by providing increased service frequency.

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Transit Operations Budget & Service Metrics Update

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Metro

Efficiency & Effectiveness Metrics

Q4 FY24 vs. Q4 FY25

- Boardings ⬆
- VRH ⬆
- Boardings per VRH ⬆

- Under budget ⬇
  - Staffing vacancies
  - Contract invoicing delays
  - Lower fuel costs

	July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024				July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025			
Metro	**UPT**	**VRH**	**UPT/VRH**	**Ops $/VRH**	**UPT**	**VRH**	**UPT/VRH**	**Ops $/VRH**
Systemwide	300,221,763	8,102,709	37.05	$ 293.51	313,356,435	8,162,109	38.39	N/A

Ops $ = Operating Costs
VRH = Vehicle Revenue Hours
UPT = Unlinked Passenger Trips (Boardings)

3 of 4 Metrics Improved in FY25

	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025			
Metro Transit	**Budget**	**Actuals**	**(Over)/Under Budget**	**Actuals %Budget**
Operations & Maintenance	$ 2,714.0	$ 2,478.9	$ 235.2	91.3%

Represents all Metro fund sources, including Measure M

Within Budget

Q4 FY25 Transit Operations Allocation, Expense & Service

Agency	FY25 MM 20%	FY25 Actuals	Annual Budget*	% of Budget MM	Q4 VRH	Q4 UPT
Arcadia	$ 188,014	$ 188,014	$ 3,124,000	6.02%	2,160	4,108
Claremont	61,068	104,200	314,828	19.40%	989	7,473
Commerce	301,416	301,416	6,822,411	4.42%	1,476	17,946
Culver City	3,212,969	3,212,968	33,749,760	9.52%	7,454	212,999
Foothill	16,750,754	16,750,754	160,801,440	10.42%	95,099	1,136,977
Gardena	3,162,084	3,162,084	29,005,314	10.90%	11,097	300,351
La Mirada	50,685	50,684	1,330,000	3.81%	251	1,287
Long Beach	14,556,334	14,556,336	129,576,159	11.23%	77,102	2,281,585
Montebello	4,890,081	4,890,080	35,370,400	13.83%	23,146	455,165
Norwalk	1,822,528	1,822,528	19,494,765	9.35%	10,069	142,604
Redondo Beach	379,614	379,616	4,448,389	8.53%	2,494	18,562
Santa Monica	12,077,934	9,776,246	92,809,275	13.01%	58,699	1,272,697
Torrance	3,627,588	3,627,588	37,030,979	9.80%	20,500	313,759
Antelope Valley	3,900,972	3,900,972	43,349,745	9.00%	17,454	151,967
Santa Clarita	2,336,279	412,220	27,054,484	8.64%	2,109	41,213
LADOT	8,676,214	8,676,216	55,660,784	15.59%	50,895	910,647
Metro Bus	172,865,983	205,300,000	9,016,400,000	1.92%	756,481	27,283,741
Total	**$ 248,860,517**	**$ 277,111,922**	**$ 9,696,342,733**		**1,137,475**	**34,553,081**

FY25 Actuals column inlcudes Q1-Q4 data.

* Represents total budget to be funded by multiple funding sources, including Measure M

Source: Metro Local Programming Measure M Transit Operator Quarterly Reports

National Transit Database Bus Metrics

FY 26 Metro

Operator Motor Bus Efficiency & Effectiveness Metrics FY23 vs. FY24

	FY 23				FY 24				
Operator - Motor Bus	UPT	VRH	UPT/VRH	Ops $/VRH	UPT	VRH	UPT/VRH	Ops $/VRH	Vehicle #
Antelope Valley	1,106,968	158,655	7.0	$ 151.84	1,409,391	158,402	8.9	$ 150.51	78
Arcadia	20,649	13,469	1.5	97.65	29,785	15,080	2.0	97.35	N/A
Commerce	443,696	47,841	9.3	138.42	551,569	49,220	11.2	146.29	17
Culver City	2,664,745	123,547	21.6	191.96	2,887,456	132,020	21.9	219.99	60
Foothill	7,864,856	785,522	10.0	147.74	9,164,170	828,639	11.1	163.07	357
Gardena	1,899,928	94,529	20.1	250.89	2,170,007	89,154	24.3	270.23	46
LADOT	14,344,180	622,327	23.0	118.64	14,512,714	684,758	21.2	133.18	235
Long Beach	16,780,493	641,980	26.1	172.74	18,481,114	670,380	27.6	181.68	256
Montebello	2,611,349	167,058	15.6	175.96	2,720,889	152,359	17.9	206.36	49
Norwalk	1,022,686	83,689	12.2	179.51	1,140,644	82,796	13.8	188.44	34
Redondo Beach	267,790	34,100	7.9	139.14	250,007	33,945	7.4	134.90	14
Santa Clarita	1,925,883	104,984	18.3	144.98	1,742,562	93,263	18.7	159.28	56
Santa Monica	7,741,258	410,707	18.8	195.11	8,604,201	429,615	20.0	206.18	179
Torrance	1,813,540	99,778	18.2	253.33	2,037,725	147,481	13.8	208.42	59
Metro Bus	206,240,433	6,457,517	31.9	$ 218.99	229,710,972	6,820,427	33.7	$ 217.05	1,997

- Improved operating statistics in FY24 vs FY23 shown in green
- 13 of 15 improved in ridership
- 9 of 15 increased vehicle hours
- 5 improved on cost per vehicle hour including Metro

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Source: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY23 & FY 24 NTD Transit Agency Profile Data

Publicly Available Data

FTA NTD Transit Agency Profiles

https://www.transit.dot.gov/ntd/transit-agency-profiles?field_geography_target_id=2481&field_address_administrative_area=CA&combine=

Metro Ridership Data on Metro.net

https://opa.metro.net/MetroRidership/

SB 125 Transit Operator Ridership Data on Metro.net –

https://ntd-monthly-ridership--cal-itp-data-analyses.netlify.app/rtpa_los-angeles-county-metropolitan-transportation-authority/0__monthly_ridership_report__rtpa_los-angeles-county-metropolitan-transportation-authority