

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

10:30 A.M.

MINUTES

Measure M Independent Taxpayers Oversight Committee Meeting

Metro Board Room, 3rd Fl.
Metro Headquarters Building
One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, 90012

Committee Members Present

Linda Briskman – Vice Chair
Ryan Campbell
Emilie H. Elias
Virginia Tanzmann

Called to Order at: 10:36 a.m.

1. RECEIVED Chairperson’s Introductory Remarks

VT	EE	CB (Chair)	LB	RC
P	P	A	P	P

2. APPROVED September 4, 2019 Minutes

VT	EE	CB (Chair)	LB	RC
Y	Y	A	Y	Y

VT = V. Tanzmann	EE = E. Elias	CB = C. Bohorquez	LB = L. Briskman	RC = R. Campbell
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LEGEND: Y = YES, N = NO, C = CONFLICT, ABS = ABSTAIN, A = ABSENT, P = PRESENT

3. RECEIVED Oral Report on Introductory Remarks from Interim Chief Auditor (S. Baldwin)

VT	EE	CB (Chair)	LB	RC
Y	Y	A	Y	Y

4. RECEIVED AND FILED Independent Auditor's Report

Michael de Castro and Helen Chu reported no material weaknesses and no internal contract deficiencies over compliance. Ryan Campbell asked staff to show the starting point on slide 3 and add to summary.

Roger Martinez and Marilyn Shaw reported \$20 million given to 39 cities in 2018 and \$26 million in 2019. \$500,000 in questioned costs incurred by 2 cities (Baldwin Park and S. El Monte) with no adequate evidence that the funds were submitted for transportation purposes. Malibu, Pomona and Vernon did not submit their M2 timely.

Drew Phillips commented that this is not new. The questioned costs are brought to our attention and we will have talks with the cities. They may have to reimburse these funds from their general revenues if they were not actually used for transportation purposes, or we will withhold money from their local return monies. We have given them a 90-day extension on their reporting requirement. Director Briskman requested a report back on how this gets resolved.

Melba Simpson and Edna Hurd of Simpson and Simpson audited 50 cities. Every one received an unmodified opinion. Found no compliance issues, no material weaknesses. There were 13 findings of non-compliance, but all have been resolved. Some cities spent money prior to getting approval; M1

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Y	Y	A	Y	Y

5. RECEIVED Oral Report on Budget

Drew Phillips reported that Metro is estimating \$910 million of sales tax revenues from A, C, R and M. B of A is estimating 2 ½ - 3% change as the global impact. Linda Briskman requested a report at the next meeting on the impact this will have on projects. Drew Phillips noted that we have 150 different sources of money.

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Y	Y	A	Y	Y

6. RECEIVED Oral Report on Local Return (S. Richan)

VT	EE	CB (Chair)	LB	RC
Y	Y	A	Y	Y

7. RECEIVED Oral Report on Transit and Highway Project Status (B. Boudreau/A. Ansari)

Brian Boudreau announced \$1.3 billion full funding grant agreement coming in March for Purple Line Segment 3 project which is 6% complete. Other projects include: Gold Line to Pomona, Airport Metro Connector; East San Fernando Valley transit corridor; West Santa Ana Branch; Orange Line BRT improvements; Gold Line Eastside Extension Phase 2, Washington Blvd. Alignment; Green Line to Torrance and Sepulveda Pass. Responding to question from Virginia Tanzmann, Mr. Boudreau noted that Metro had recently hired a Chief Sustainability Officer.

Abdullah Ansari reported on the highway program. Regarding I5 North HOV and truck lanes, Metro will be handling new construction and Caltrans will focus on repair and maintenance. Other projects include, SR71 between 10 and 60; 57/60 Interchange; I710 South between the Ports and Long Beach; I605 Corridor Hot Spots; I405 widening to add lanes; High Desert Corridor; SR18 and SR 14 and working with San Bernardino on a joint study of Highway 18.

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Y	Y	A	Y	Y

8. RECEIVED Oral Report on Active Transportation Program

Tony Dusai reported on Active Transportation projects:
L.A. River – West San Fernando Valley – Canoga Park to Glendale bike and walking path which is a multi-year subregional program.

Response to the final question regarding how many people actually use the bike lanes will be provided at a later date.

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Y	Y	A	Y	Y

9. RECEIVED Oral Report on State of Good Repair (D. Longley)

VT	EE	CB (Chair)	LB	RC
Y	Y	A	Y	Y

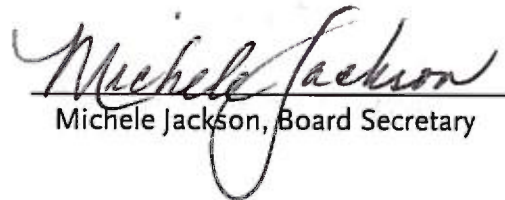
10. RECEIVED Oral Report on Transit Operations and Maintenance (C. Cheung)

Board member asked staff to add the delta between Q1 and Q2 or color code it.

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Y	Y	A	Y	Y

11. Meeting Adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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