

ATTACHMENT B (JULY 2025)

OIG REPORT, SPOT CHECK, # MOD #	RECOMMENDATIONS	MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSES	COMPLETION DATE
Spot Check #1 – Rail to Rail Active Transport Corridor Project This OIG Spot Check report pertains to the Rail to Rail Active Transport Corridor Project (Contract C1166 MOD 00136), Differing Site Conditions.	It is recommended that the Metro designer conduct comprehensive subsurface investigations within the project boundary , which could include the public right-of-way (city property) and the Metro right-of-way (Metro property) during the design phase. Furthermore, the potholing checklist should be revised to document all subsurface material encountered, not only at the utility locations.	Project Management agreed with the recommendation.	June 6, 2025
Spot Check #3 - Purple Line Extension Section 2 Transit Project This OIG Spot Check report pertains to the Purple Line Extension Section 2 (Contract C1120 MOD 00247.1), Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) impacts at the Wilshire/Rodeo Station for Street-Level Restorations.	Securing a Memorandum of Agreement ahead of time, where possible, and ensure that Metro incorporates the MOA conditions into the contract terms with the Contractor.	Project Management agreed with the recommendation.	June 5, 2025

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#1 The Rail to Rail Active Transport Corridor Project. This OIG Spot Check report concerns the Rail to Rail Active Transport Corridor Project (Contract C1166, MOD 00113) Bollard Procurement.	<p>The OIG requested an explanation of why Metro accepted the contractor's proposal of \$831,894.21, which was 33% higher than the Independent Cost Estimate, and what caused such a significant difference between the two amounts.</p> <p>The OIG supports the recommendation of SSLE and Metro's ongoing efforts to incorporate safety considerations into public right-of-way management. This approach enhances accessibility and ensures that public spaces are safer and more navigable for all, including pedestrians and cyclists.</p>	<p>The Project Team accepted the Contractor's proposal due to several factors. To meet the substantial completion date and the scheduled opening in April, the Project incurred additional costs to expedite the procurement process. Consequently, the Contractor included an expediting fee to ensure timely delivery.</p> <p>Additionally, the Contractor's proposal accounted for costs not included in the Independent Cost Estimate but essential for the Project, such as storage, touch-up painting, handling/transportation, and anti-graffiti coating.</p>	March 7, 2025
#2 The Purple Line Extension Section 2 Transit Project. This OIG Spot Check report concerns the Purple Line Extension 2 (Contract C1120, MOD 00230.1). Additional project staffing and compliance activities for changes issued during the base design phase	<p><u>Question to the Purple Line Extension 2 Program Management.</u></p> <p>The OIG requested an explanation of what caused the need for additional project staffing that the Contractor did not consider and plan during the bidding process.</p> <p>No Recommendations for this spot check on the basis of management's response.</p>	<p>The project underwent significant design changes that exceeded what could have been reasonably anticipated, requiring an increase in project staffing. Examples include reorienting and expanding a station entrance by 90 degrees, a major redesign of the storm drainage system, the impact of a global pandemic, and a change to the final tunnel lining material.</p>	March 13, 2024
#3 The Purple Line Extension Section 1 Transit Project. This OIG Spot Check report concerns the Purple Line Extension Section 1 Transit Project (Contract C1045, MOD 00235) The Wilshire/La Cienega Plaza Station Standby Generator, Design and Construction.	<p>OIG Recommendations/Lessons Learned – The OIG recommends incorporating larger equipment specifications early in the procurement process, which allows for more accurate budgeting and planning. This proactive approach helps establish a consistent set price and reduces the likelihood of unforeseen expenses.</p>	<p>The project underwent significant changes, and I see some risk in doing that on design-build contracts because Metro would be buying something that may have complications with the design-builder's final design.</p>	April 15, 2025
#4 The I-5 North County Enhancement Project. This OIG Spot Check report concerns the I-5 North County Enhancement Project (Contract C70396C1205, MOD 00050) Differing Site Conditions.	<p>OIG Recommendations/Lessons Learned – The project management software "Headlight," which is being used on this project to review the daily reports for the period of the modification. There was no record of the modification on Metro's Project Management Information System (PMIS) from the Project team for 19 months. There was no comment by the Resident Engineer about the site conditions concern in the Daily Reports in Headlight. Management indicates that this is because it is in the Risk Register until the change order is complete. The OIG does not currently have access to the database. We request access to that in the future to enable us to better evaluate these types of matters.</p>	<p>Management responded: Management indicated that the information was being tracked on a risk register and was pending merit from the contractor.</p>	April 12, 2025

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	<p>Recommendation 1: The OIG recommends that the Project team review the Capital Project requirements referred to in the Configuration Management Policies and Procedures in CF01-CF04, CF07, and CF10. Metro’s Program Management Information System (PMIS) must be the primary source for document control, such that a major pending change order has a placeholder noted in PMIS.</p> <p>Recommendation 2: For best practices of project controls and fostering transparency, modifications should be entered in a timely manner. The validity of the submitted information is uncertain, and I recommend that the Project team audit the supporting documents for the modification. The documentation input on (PIMS) submitted by the Project team does not align with the dates of the contractor’s or inspectors' reporting in “Headlight,” indicating a possible communication disparity between the use of both programs, unless the information is contained in the Risk Registry.</p> <p>Recommendation 3: The OIG recommends considering negotiating and closing out Contractor claims through early intervention. This theory proactively addresses claims, and helps prevent cost overruns, foster transparency and cooperation between the Contractor and Project management, and reduces schedule delays, and financial uncertainty; even though some believe it may introduce conflict that could strain the working relationship during the project, the benefits of early engagement often outweigh the risk.</p>		
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ATTACHMENT B (FEBRUARY 2025)

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#1 Airport Metro Connector (AMC) Project. This OIG Spot Check report concerns the Airport Metro Connector (Contract C1197, MOD 00045) LRT Excessive Deflection.	<p>The OIG requested a response from the Project Management team to a series of questions to justify Metro's reasoning for approving the cost.</p> <p>To streamline future adjustments, it is recommended to implement engineering controls and monitoring systems to detect anomalies early in the project lifecycle. Additionally, Metro's quality assurance protocols could benefit from enhancements that balance safety, quality, time, and budget considerations. For instance, ensuring adequate time for structural completion before commencing finishing works could prevent similar change orders in the future.</p>	<p>Response and justification from Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The variation between the ROM, ICE, and final Change Amount resulted from additional RFI details and evolving market and project conditions that increased costs. After contractor negotiations, the increase was deemed justifiable. A cost-benefit analysis weighed deflection corrections against schedule impacts, leading to the most efficient solution. Two in-person negotiation rounds ensured the contractor's proposal was accurate and aligned with field performance. b) Recovery costs were deemed unfeasible for AMC due to complex project conditions, including delegated designs, challenging field scenarios, tight schedules, logistical constraints, and structural steel integration. Lacking evidence of significant design or workmanship issues by the Engineer of Record (EOR) or Contractor, no basis exists to invoke warranties or pursue recovery. 	November 13, 2024
#2 WS Purple Line Ext. 2 Project. This OIG Spot Check report concerns the WS Purple Line Extension 2 (Contract C1120, MOD 00227) Storm Drain /Unforeseen Conditions.	<p>I have requested a response from the Project Management team to a series of questions to justify Metro's reasoning.</p> <p>The prime contractor and infrastructure designer did not account for the sewer lateral in their plans because there was no indication in reference documents provided by the Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering (LABOE). The contractor utilized utility location methods (i.e., potholing and GPR) which were unsuccessful. I reviewed the contractor processes and as-build utility records with the Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering (LABOE), which revealed no records of the private sewer lateral and supports the justification of the change order.</p>	<p>The cost for the modification encompassed temporary remediation and repair of the sewer lateral, which was an unforeseen condition not reflected in the city-provided as-built drawings. These unexpected circumstances necessitated immediate corrective action to maintain project continuity and further impact residents.</p> <p>The OIG accepts Management's justification of modification.</p>	November 7, 2024

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<p>#4 Airport Metro Connector (AMC) Project.</p> <p>This OIG Spot Check report concerns the Airport Metro Connector 96th St Transit Station (Contract C1197, MOD 00049) Improvements of the north-end perimeter site fencing.</p>	<p>The OIG requested Management’s justification to the modification and reasoning that necessitated the improvements to north-end perimeter site fencing.</p>	<p>The change includes costs associated with the design, materials, and construction that were necessitated by the increased number of bus chargers and modifications implemented by the LADWP.</p>	<p>October 24, 2024</p>
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ATTACHMENT B (JANUARY 2024)

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#1 Division 20 Portal Widening Turnback Project. This OIG Spot Check report concerns the Division 20 Portal Widening Turnback Project (Contract C1136, MOD 0109) Lighting Various Civil and Electrical Changes.	The OIG recommends continuing forward with cost recovery from the Designer of Record.	Management concurs with the OIG recommendation and intends to pursue cost recovery for errors and omissions (E&O) from the Design Firm of Record.	November 23, 2023
#2 Airport Metro Connector (AMC) Project. This OIG Spot Check report concerns the Airport Metro Connector (Contract C1197, MOD 00027) Low Voltage Cabling.	The OIG recommends that the project office contacts the Airport monorail construction support team and recommend they install the Low Smoke Zero Halogen (LSZH) type fiber optic cable also.	The Project will coordinate with LAWA to install Corning's NFPA 130 compliant optical cable type which also meets Low Smoke Zero Halogen (LSZH) classification to be consistent with the optical cables on AMC project.	November 17, 2025
#3 The Purple Line Extension Section 1 Transit Project. This OIG Spot Check report concerns the Purple Line Extension Section 1 Transit Project (Contract C1045, CO 0045) SCE and LAWDWP Change to Electrical Rooms and Equipment, Construction and Design with minor changes.	<p>The OIG recommends staff work closely with SCE and LADWP to confirm their approvals for the requested work and to update any MRDC standard or specification to ensure that Metro corrects any out of date standards in relations to SCE or LADWP.</p> <p>It is recommended that Management discuss with the Diversity and Economic Development Department if the standard change order language might be revised to indicate a particular SBE/DBE goal for the change order "unless the contractor has already met the SBE/DBE goal for the contract as a whole".</p>	<p>#3 (Top Half): The Project will continue to work closely with DWP/SCE. Metro engineering (Gateway) can look into updating the MRDC with some of the more significant changes that DWP/SCE requested but it should be noted that many of the changes that LADWP and SCE request are not in the ESR Manual or any other type of standard but came about due to safety concerns as they progressed through the work in the field.</p> <p>#3 (Bottom Half): The Project Manager and DEOD clarified the Contract requirements for achieving the DBE goal for Changed Work in the above attached letter.</p>	November 30, 2025

ATTACHMENT B (OCTOBER 2023)

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#1 Division 20 Portal Widening Turnback Project. This OIG Spot Check report concerns the Division 20 Portal Widening Turnback Project (Contract C1136, MOD 0092) Rebar for Contact Rail Encasement.	The OIG recommends an updated ICE reflecting the complete work that should have been requested to aid in the negotiations with the contractor for final settlement. Lessons Learned is to evaluate duct banks in trenches for compliance with applicable city standards and loading requirements for static and dynamic loading demands when installing these. Future design plans should include this as a requirement to check.	The ICE did not have all the details of the scope of work in correlation with Engineering and contractor means and methods.	December 27, 2024

ATTACHMENT B (JANUARY 2022)			
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#4 WS Purple Line Extension 3 Project. This OIG Spot Check concerns the Purple Line Extension EXT.3 (Contract C1152 MOD-0007) Replacement Parking at VA Hospital Lot 42 During Station Construction.	The OIG recommends that the Contractor be instructed to timely submit cost proposals, enter negotiations, and sign agreements before work is performed so Metro can process the work order close in time to work being performed, not only to pay the contractor but to help ensure the sub-contractors are paid timely.	This recommendation is pending response from Management	