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WITH REQUIREMENTS  
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**To: Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
and Measure R Oversight Committee**

**Report on Compliance**

We have audited the compliance of the thirty-nine (39) Cities identified in Schedule 1, with the types of compliance requirements described in the Measure R Ordinance enacted through a Los Angeles County voter-approved law in November 2008; Measure R Local Return Guidelines, issued by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA), approved by its Board of Directors on October 22, 2009 (collectively, the Guidelines); and the respective Assurances and Understandings Regarding Receipt and Use of Measure R Local Return Funds, executed by LACMTA and the respective Cities for the year ended June 30, 2020 (collectively, the Requirements). Compliance with the above-noted Guidelines and Requirements by the Cities are identified in the accompanying Summary of Compliance Findings, Schedule 1 and Schedule 2.

***Management's Responsibility***

Compliance with the Guidelines and Requirements is the responsibility of the respective management of the Cities.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on the Cities' compliance with the Guidelines and Requirements referred to above based on our audits. We conducted our audits of compliance 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Measure R Local Return program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about each City's compliance with the Guidelines and Requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions on compliance. However, our audits do not provide a legal determination of each City's compliance with the Guidelines and Requirements.



## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the Cities complied, in all material respects, with the Guidelines and Requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Measure R Local Return program for the year ended June 30, 2020.

## **Other Matters**

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance, which are required to be reported in accordance with the Guidelines and Requirements and which are described in the accompanying Summary of Audit Results (Schedule 1) and Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Schedule 2) as Findings #2020-001 through #2020-008. Our opinion is not modified with respect to these matters.

Responses by the Cities to the noncompliance findings identified in our audits are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Schedule 2). The Cities' responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance, and accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

## **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

The management of each City is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the Guidelines and Requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audits of compliance, we considered each City's internal control over compliance with the Guidelines and Requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the Measure R Local Return program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Guidelines and Requirements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of each City's internal control over compliance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a material weakness and significant deficiencies.

*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 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 will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Schedule 2) as Finding #2020-004 to be a material weakness.



A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with the requirements that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Schedule 2) as Finding #2020-003 to be a significant deficiency.

The Cities' responses to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Schedule 2). The Cities' responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance, and accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing on internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Guidelines and Requirements. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaqueria &amp; Company LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Glendale, California  
December 31, 2020**

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The audits of the 39 cities identified in Schedule 1 have resulted in 8 findings. The table below summarizes those findings:

<b>Finding</b>	<b># of Findings</b>	<b>Responsible Cities/ Finding No. Reference</b>	<b>Questioned Costs</b>	<b>Resolved During the Audit</b>
Funds were expended for transportation purposes.	1	South El Monte (See Finding #2020-008)	\$ 7,889	\$ -
Funds were expended with LACMTA's approval.	3	Bell Gardens (See Finding #2020-002)	38,835	38,835
		Calabasas (See Finding #2020-004)	12,655	12,655
		Carson (See Finding #2020-005)	569,449	569,449
Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted timely.	4	Azusa (See Finding #2020-001)	None	None
		Bell Gardens (See Finding #2020-003)	None	None
		Industry (See Finding #2020-006)	None	None
		Maywood (See Finding #2020-007)	None	None
<b>Total Findings and Questioned Costs</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>\$ 628,828</b>	<b>\$ 620,939</b>

Details of the findings are in Schedule 2.

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<b>Compliance Area Tested</b>	<b>Agoura Hills</b>	<b>Azusa</b>	<b>Baldwin Park</b>
Funds were expended for transportation purposes.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes unless there is a funding shortfall.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Signed Assurances and Understandings on file.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Separate Measure R Local Return Account was established.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was properly credited to the Measure R Local Return Account.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were expended with LACMTA's approval.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted timely.	Compliant	See Finding #2020-001	Compliant
Expenditure Report (Form Two) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Timely use of funds.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Fund exchanges were approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
A separate account was established for Capital reserve funds and Capital reserve was approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Recreational transit form was submitted timely.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable



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<b>Compliance Area Tested</b>	<b>Bell</b>	<b>Bell Gardens</b>	<b>Beverly Hills</b>
Funds were expended for transportation purposes.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes unless there is a funding shortfall.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Signed Assurances and Understandings on file.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Separate Measure R Local Return Account was established.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was properly credited to the Measure R Local Return Account.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were expended with LACMTA's approval.	Compliant	See Finding #2020-002	Compliant
Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted timely.	Compliant	See Finding #2020-003	Compliant
Expenditure Report (Form Two) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Timely use of funds.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.	Compliant	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Fund exchanges were approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
A separate account was established for Capital reserve funds and Capital reserve was approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Recreational transit form was submitted timely.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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<b>Compliance Area Tested</b>	<b>Calabasas</b>	<b>Carson</b>	<b>Commerce</b>
Funds were expended for transportation purposes.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes unless there is a funding shortfall.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Signed Assurances and Understandings on file.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Separate Measure R Local Return Account was established.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was properly credited to the Measure R Local Return Account.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were expended with LACMTA's approval.	See Finding #2020-004	See Finding #2020-005	Compliant
Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Report (Form Two) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Timely use of funds.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Fund exchanges were approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
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Recreational transit form was submitted timely.	Compliant	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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<b>Compliance Area Tested</b>	<b>Compton</b>	<b>Cudahy</b>	<b>Culver City</b>
Funds were expended for transportation purposes.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes unless there is a funding shortfall.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Signed Assurances and Understandings on file.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Separate Measure R Local Return Account was established.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was properly credited to the Measure R Local Return Account.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were expended with LACMTA's approval.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Report (Form Two) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Timely use of funds.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.	Compliant	Compliant	Not Applicable
Fund exchanges were approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
A separate account was established for Capital reserve funds and Capital reserve was approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Recreational transit form was submitted timely.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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<b>Compliance Area Tested</b>	<b>EI Monte</b>	<b>Gardena</b>	<b>Hawthorne</b>
Funds were expended for transportation purposes.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes unless there is a funding shortfall.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Signed Assurances and Understandings on file.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Separate Measure R Local Return Account was established.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was properly credited to the Measure R Local Return Account.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were expended with LACMTA's approval.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Report (Form Two) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Timely use of funds.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Fund exchanges were approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
A separate account was established for Capital reserve funds and Capital reserve was approved by LACMTA.	Compliant	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Recreational transit form was submitted timely.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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<b>Compliance Area Tested</b>	<b>Hidden Hills</b>	<b>Huntington Park</b>	<b>Industry</b>
Funds were expended for transportation purposes.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes unless there is a funding shortfall.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Signed Assurances and Understandings on file.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Separate Measure R Local Return Account was established.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was properly credited to the Measure R Local Return Account.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were expended with LACMTA's approval.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	See Finding #2020-006
Expenditure Report (Form Two) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Timely use of funds.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.	Not Applicable	Compliant	Not Applicable
Fund exchanges were approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
A separate account was established for Capital reserve funds and Capital reserve was approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
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<b>Compliance Area Tested</b>	<b>Inglewood</b>	<b>Irwindale</b>	<b>La Puente</b>
Funds were expended for transportation purposes.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes unless there is a funding shortfall.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Signed Assurances and Understandings on file.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Separate Measure R Local Return Account was established.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was properly credited to the Measure R Local Return Account.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were expended with LACMTA's approval.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Report (Form Two) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Timely use of funds.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.	Compliant	Not Applicable	Compliant
Fund exchanges were approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
A separate account was established for Capital reserve funds and Capital reserve was approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Recreational transit form was submitted timely.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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<b>Compliance Area Tested</b>	<b>Lawndale</b>	<b>Lynwood</b>	<b>Malibu</b>
Funds were expended for transportation purposes.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes unless there is a funding shortfall.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Signed Assurances and Understandings on file.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Separate Measure R Local Return Account was established.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was properly credited to the Measure R Local Return Account.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were expended with LACMTA's approval.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Report (Form Two) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Timely use of funds.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.	Compliant	Compliant	Not Applicable
Fund exchanges were approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
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<b>Compliance Area Tested</b>	<b>Maywood</b>	<b>Montebello</b>	<b>Monterey Park</b>
Funds were expended for transportation purposes.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes unless there is a funding shortfall.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Signed Assurances and Understandings on file.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Separate Measure R Local Return Account was established.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was properly credited to the Measure R Local Return Account.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were expended with LACMTA's approval.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted timely.	See Finding #2020-007	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Report (Form Two) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Timely use of funds.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.	Not Applicable	Compliant	Compliant
Fund exchanges were approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
A separate account was established for Capital reserve funds and Capital reserve was approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Compliant	Not Applicable
Recreational transit form was submitted timely.	Not Applicable	Compliant	Not Applicable



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<b>Compliance Area Tested</b>	<b>Pico Rivera</b>	<b>Pomona</b>	<b>Rosemead</b>
Funds were expended for transportation purposes.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes unless there is a funding shortfall.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Signed Assurances and Understandings on file.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Separate Measure R Local Return Account was established.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was properly credited to the Measure R Local Return Account.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were expended with LACMTA's approval.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Report (Form Two) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Timely use of funds.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Fund exchanges were approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
A separate account was established for Capital reserve funds and Capital reserve was approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
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<b>Compliance Area Tested</b>	<b>San Fernando</b>	<b>Santa Fe Springs</b>	<b>Santa Monica</b>
Funds were expended for transportation purposes.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes unless there is a funding shortfall.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Signed Assurances and Understandings on file.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Separate Measure R Local Return Account was established.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was properly credited to the Measure R Local Return Account.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were expended with LACMTA's approval.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Report (Form Two) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Timely use of funds.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.	Compliant	Compliant	Not Applicable
Fund exchanges were approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
A separate account was established for Capital reserve funds and Capital reserve was approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
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<b>Compliance Area Tested</b>	<b>South El Monte</b>	<b>South Gate</b>	<b>Vernon</b>
Funds were expended for transportation purposes.	See Finding #2020-008	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes unless there is a funding shortfall.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Signed Assurances and Understandings on file.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Separate Measure R Local Return Account was established.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was properly credited to the Measure R Local Return Account.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were expended with LACMTA's approval.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Report (Form Two) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Timely use of funds.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.	Compliant	Compliant	Not Applicable
Fund exchanges were approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
A separate account was established for Capital reserve funds and Capital reserve was approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Recreational transit form was submitted timely.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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<b>Compliance Area Tested</b>	<b>Walnut</b>	<b>West Hollywood</b>	<b>Westlake Village</b>
Funds were expended for transportation purposes.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes unless there is a funding shortfall.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Signed Assurances and Understandings on file.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Separate Measure R Local Return Account was established.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was properly credited to the Measure R Local Return Account.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Funds were expended with LACMTA's approval.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Expenditure Report (Form Two) was submitted timely.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Timely use of funds.	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Fund exchanges were approved by LACMTA.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
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<b>Finding #2020-001</b>	<b>City of Azusa</b>
<b>Compliance Reference</b>	<p>Section B (II) Expenditure Plan (Form One) of Measure R Local Return Program Guidelines state that, "To maintain legal eligibility and meet Measure R LR program compliance requirements, Jurisdiction shall submit to LACMTA an Expenditure Plan (Form One), annually, by August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.</p> <p>"Expenditure Plan (Form One) provides a listing of projects funded with Measure R LR funds along with estimated expenditures for the year. For both operating and capital projects, Part I is to be filled out. For capital projects (projects over \$250,000), Part II is required. Pursuant to AB2321, LACMTA will provide LR funds to a capital project or program sponsor who submits the required expenditure plan."</p>
<b>Condition</b>	The City submitted its Expenditure Plan (Form One) on August 15, 2019, 14 days after the due date of August 1, 2019.
<b>Cause</b>	The City engaged a consultant to complete the Measure R Expenditure Plan (Form One) after staff was out for an extended sick leave absence. The vendor did not file the documentation timely.
<b>Effect</b>	The City was not in compliance with the reporting requirements of the Local Return Guidelines.
<b>Recommendation</b>	We recommend the City establish procedures and internal controls to ensure that approval is obtained from LACMTA prior to spending on Measure R-funded projects.
<b>Management's Response</b>	Management will ensure that the Expenditure Plan (Form One) is submitted in a timely manner by the due date of August 1.
<b>Finding Corrected During the Audit</b>	The City subsequently submitted the Expenditure Plan (Form One). No follow up is required.

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<b>Finding #2020-002</b>	<b>City of Bell Gardens</b>
<b>Compliance Reference</b>	<p>Section B (II) Expenditure Plan (Form One) of Measure R Local Return Program Guideline states that, "To maintain legal eligibility and meet Measure R LR program compliance requirements, Jurisdiction shall submit to LACMTA an Expenditure Plan (Form One), annually, by August 1st of each year.</p> <p>Expenditure Plan (Form One) provides a listing of projects funded with Measure R LR funds along with estimated expenditures for the year. For both operating and capital projects, Part I is to be filled out. For capital projects (projects over \$250,000), Part II is required. Pursuant to AB2321, LACMTA will provide LR funds to a capital project or program sponsor who submits the required expenditure plan.</p>
<b>Condition</b>	<p>The City claimed expenditures for the following MRLRF projects with no prior approval from LACMTA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Project code 1.05, Slurry Seal Zone 1 Project, totaling \$37,185; and</li> <li>b. Project Code 1.20, Garfield/Clara Intersection Widening, totaling \$1,650.</li> </ul> <p>Although we found the expenditures to be eligible for Local Return funding, the project had no prior approval from LACMTA.</p>
<b>Cause</b>	The finding was caused by an oversight by City staff.
<b>Effect</b>	The City claimed expenditures totaling \$38,835 without prior approval from LACMTA. Lack of prior approvals results in noncompliance which could impact future funding or result in questioned costs that require funding to be returned to LACMTA.
<b>Recommendation</b>	We recommend the City establish procedures and implement internal controls to ensure that approval is obtained from LACMTA prior to spending on any local return-funded projects.

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<b>Finding #2020-002 (Continued)</b>	<b>City of Bell Gardens</b>
<b>Management's Response</b>	<p>The City concurs with the finding that an updated Form One should have been submitted to LACMTA for approval.</p> <p>The City continues to reevaluate the processes that are in place to ensure forms are submitted to LACMTA timely.</p>
<b>Finding Corrected During the Audit</b>	LACMTA Program Manager granted a retroactive approval of said projects on September 24, 2020. No additional follow up is required.

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<b>Finding #2020-003</b>	<b>City of Bell Gardens</b>
<b>Compliance Reference</b>	<p>Section B (II) Expenditure Plan (Form One) of Measure R Local Return Program Guidelines states that, "To maintain legal eligibility and meet Measure R LR program compliance requirements, Jurisdiction shall submit to LACMTA an Expenditure Plan (Form One), annually, by August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year".</p> <p>"Expenditure Plan (Form One) provides a listing of projects funded with Measure R LR funds along with estimated expenditures for the year. For both operating and capital projects, Part I is to be filled out. For capital projects (projects over \$250,000), Part II is required. Pursuant to AB2321, LACMTA will provide LR funds to a capital project or program sponsor who submits the required expenditure plan."</p>
<b>Condition</b>	<p>The City submitted its Expenditure Plan (Form One) on August 21, 2019, 20 days after the due date of August 1, 2019.</p> <p>This is a repeat finding from prior year's audit.</p>
<b>Cause</b>	<p>The Form One report was submitted late due to an oversight by City staff assigned to complete the task.</p>
<b>Effect</b>	<p>The City was not in compliance with the reporting requirements of the Local Return Guidelines.</p>
<b>Recommendation</b>	<p>We recommend the City establish procedures and implement internal controls to ensure that the Expenditure Plan (Form One) is submitted by August 1<sup>st</sup> as required by the Guidelines.</p>
<b>Management's Response</b>	<p>The City is going to reevaluate the processes that are in place to ensure forms are submitted to LACMTA timely.</p>
<b>Finding Corrected During the Audit</b>	<p>The City subsequently submitted the form. No follow up is required.</p>



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<b>Finding #2020-004</b>	<b>City of Calabasas</b>
<b>Compliance Reference</b>	<p>Section B(II)(1) Expenditure Plan (Form One) of the Measure R Local Return Program Guidelines state that "To maintain eligibility and meet Measure R LR program compliance requirements, jurisdictions shall submit to LACMTA an Expenditure Plan (Form One) annually by August 1st of each year.</p> <p>Form One provides a listing of projects funded with Measure R LR funds along with estimated expenditures for the year."</p>
<b>Condition</b>	<p>The City claimed expenditures under MRLRF Project Code 1.05 Rondell Park &amp; Ride project, totaling \$12,655 with no prior approval from LACMTA.</p> <p>Although we found the expenditures to be eligible for Local Return funding, the project had no prior approval from LACMTA.</p> <p>This is a repeat finding from prior year's audit.</p>
<b>Cause</b>	<p>There was a misunderstanding of the procedure among the staff. Staff was under the impression that because the funds were already in the City account, they could be expended as long as it was for an eligible project under the guidelines - as opposed to requesting a budget approval from LACMTA prior to incurring the expenditures.</p>
<b>Effect</b>	<p>The City claimed expenditures totaling \$12,655 without prior approval from LACMTA. Lack of prior approvals results in non-compliance which could impact future funding or result in questioned costs that require funding to be returned to LACMTA.</p>
<b>Recommendation</b>	<p>We recommend that the City establish procedures and internal controls to ensure that approval is obtained from LACMTA prior to spending on any local return-funded projects.</p>
<b>Management's Response</b>	<p>Staff has received clear instructions that an expenditure plan must be submitted to LACMTA before claiming expenditure for each project. Expenditure may begin once LACMTA grants an approval.</p>
<b>Finding Corrected During the Audit</b>	<p>LACMTA Program Manager granted a retroactive approval of the said project on November 19, 2020.</p>

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<b>Finding #2020-005</b>	<b>City of Carson</b>
<b>Compliance Reference</b>	<p>Section B (II) Expenditure Plan (Form One) of Measure R Local Return Program Guideline states that, "To maintain legal eligibility and meet Measure R LR program compliance requirements, Jurisdiction shall submit to LACMTA an Expenditure Plan (Form One), annually, by August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.</p> <p>Expenditure Plan (Form One) provides a listing of projects funded with Measure R LR funds along with estimated expenditures for the year. For both operating and capital projects, Part I is to be filled out. For capital projects (projects over \$250,000), Part II is required. Pursuant to AB2321, LACMTA will provide LR funds to a capital project or program sponsor who submits the required expenditure plan.</p>
<b>Condition</b>	<p>The City claimed expenditures for Measure R's share in the Measure M and R Bond Debt Service Payment, totaling \$569,449 with no prior approval from LACMTA.</p> <p>The projects to be financed by the bond proceeds were approved when the bonds were issued in October 2019, however, the City is still required to include the annual budgeted amounts of debt service in Form One and have it approved by LACMTA.</p>
<b>Cause</b>	<p>The City was not aware that Bond Debt Service payments require annual approval from LACMTA as it is the City's first time issuing Measure M and R Bonds, which are payable from MRLRF and MMLRF funds. However, all future Bond Debt Service payments shall be reported and/or budgeted accordingly.</p>
<b>Effect</b>	<p>The City claimed expenditures totaling \$569,449 without prior approval from LACMTA. Lack of prior approval results in noncompliance which could impact future funding or result in questioned costs that require funding to be returned to LACMTA.</p>
<b>Recommendation</b>	<p>We recommend the City establish procedures and controls to ensure that approval is obtained from LACMTA prior to spending on Measure R-funded projects.</p>

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<b>Finding #2020-005 (Continued)</b>	<b>City of Carson</b>
<b>Management's Response</b>	<p>The City will obtain LACMTA approval prior to spending on LACMTA funded projects.</p> <p>The City submitted a revised Expenditure Plan (Form One) to the LACMTA Program Manager and obtained a retroactive approval of the said project on October 15, 2020.</p>
<b>Findings Resolved During the Audit</b>	LACMTA Program Manager granted retroactive approval of said project on October 15, 2020. No additional follow up is required.

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<b>Finding #2020-006</b>	<b>City of Industry</b>
<b>Compliance Reference</b>	<p>Section B (II) Expenditure Plan (Form One) of Measure R Local Return Program Guidelines state that, "To maintain legal eligibility and meet Measure R LR program compliance requirements, Jurisdiction shall submit to LACMTA an Expenditure Plan (Form One), annually, by August 1st of each year.</p> <p>Expenditure Plan (Form One) provides a listing of projects funded with Measure R LR funds along with estimated expenditures for the year. For both operating and capital projects, Part I is to be filled out. For capital projects (projects over \$250,000), Part II is required. Pursuant to AB2321, LACMTA will provide LR funds to a capital project or program sponsor who submits the required expenditure plan.</p>
<b>Condition</b>	The City submitted its Expenditure Plan (Form One) on August 14, 2019, 13 days after the due date of August 1, 2019.
<b>Cause</b>	The Form One report was submitted late due to an oversight by City staff assigned to complete the task.
<b>Effect</b>	The City was not in compliance with the reporting requirements of the Local Return Guidelines.
<b>Recommendation</b>	We recommend the City establish procedures and controls to ensure that the Expenditure Plan (Form One) is submitted by August 1st as required by the Guidelines.
<b>Management's Response</b>	The City has since put in extra procedures to ensure timely reporting to comply with the requirements and the FY 2021 budget was filed on time.
<b>Finding Corrected During the Audit</b>	The City subsequently submitted the form. No follow up is required.

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<b>Finding #2020-007</b>	<b>City of Maywood</b>
<b>Compliance Reference</b>	<p>Section B (II) Expenditure Plan (Form One) of Measure R Local Return Program Guideline states that, "To maintain legal eligibility and meet Measure R LR program compliance requirements, Jurisdiction shall submit to LACMTA an Expenditure Plan (Form One), annually, by August 1st of each year".</p> <p>"Expenditure Plan (Form One) provides a listing of projects funded with Measure R LR funds along with estimated expenditures for the year. For both operating and capital projects, Part I is to be filled out. For capital projects (projects over \$250,000), Part II is required. Pursuant to AB2321, LACMTA will provide LR funds to a capital project or program sponsor who submits the required expenditure plan."</p>
<b>Condition</b>	The City submitted its Expenditure Plan (Form One) on August 20, 2019, 19 days after the due date of August 1, 2019.
<b>Cause</b>	The Form One report was submitted late due to an oversight by City staff assigned to complete the task.
<b>Effect</b>	The City was not in compliance with the reporting requirements of the Local Return Guidelines.
<b>Recommendation</b>	We recommend the City establish procedures and internal controls to ensure that the Expenditure Plan (Form One) is submitted by August 1st as required by the Guidelines.
<b>Management's Response</b>	Management will ensure that the Expenditure Plan (Form One) is submitted in a timely manner by the due date of August 1.
<b>Finding Corrected During the Audit</b>	The City subsequently submitted the form. No follow up is required.

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<b>Finding #2020-008</b>	<b>City of South El Monte</b>
<b>Compliance Reference</b>	<p>Measure R Local Return Guidelines Section (A) (I) states that, "The Measure R ordinance specifies that LR funds are to be used for transportation purposes. No net revenues distributed to Jurisdictions may be used for purposes other than transportation purposes". Also, Section VII states that, "It is the jurisdictions' responsibility to maintain proper accounting records and documentation to facilitate the performance of the audit as prescribed in these Guideline".</p> <p>On February 14, 2019, the LACMTA Local Return Program Manager re-affirmed the memo issued on April 29, 2014 addressed to all Jurisdictions to provide clarification for adequate salary and related costs documentations for the audit of the Local Return funds.</p> <p>Below are recommendations to ensure that jurisdictions have adequate evidence to support its compliance with the Local Return Guidelines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All hours are required to be documented. Develop and/or maintain a system that will keep track of actual hours worked by employees whose salaries and benefits were charged to the LACMTA project. Expenditures claimed based solely on budgeted amounts is not considered adequate documentation because it does not reflect actual expenditures incurred on the LACMTA project and do not provide adequate evidence that labor hours charged has transit/transportation purpose. The record of hours worked must: a) identify the LACMTA project, b) be authenticated by the employee and approved by his/her immediate supervisor, and c) tie to hours reported in the payroll records.</li> <li>2. Provide adequate support for indirect costs. For indirect expenditures allocated to LACMTA projects, develop and/or maintain a system that distributes allowable expenditures to projects based on causal or beneficial relationships. Expenditures cannot be claimed on LACMTA project if the expenditures are not allowable (i.e., not transportation or transit related) or not allocable to the LACMTA project (i.e., LACMTA project did not cause the incurrence of the expenditure or LACMTA project did not benefit from the expenditure).</li> </ol>

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<b>Finding #2020-008 (Continued)</b>	<b>City of South El Monte</b>
<b>Condition</b>	<p>The City claimed salaries and benefits expenditures under the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Project code 1.05, Street and Sidewalk Improvement and Maintenance, total amount of \$6,977; and</li> <li>b) Project code 8.10, Administration, total amount of \$912.</li> </ul> <p>The salaries and benefits claimed are based on budget and are not supported by actual time charges and documented time study or indirect cost allocation plan for administrative charges.</p>
<b>Cause</b>	<p>In fiscal year 2020, the City made a switch from predetermined allocation per City adopted budget to timesheet. However, due to the year being a transition year, HR and Payroll setup had to be reevaluated numerous times, as the City encountered situations in which only salaries appeared in special revenue funds without benefits or overhead.</p>
<b>Effect</b>	<p>If the labor charges are not supported by actual time charges and documented time study or indirect cost allocation plan, the costs are considered unallowable and the Guidelines require the City to return the money to the Local Return Funds.</p>
<b>Recommendation</b>	<p>We recommend that the City provide documentation to support the salaries and benefit charges to MRLRF. If these documents are not provided, the City is required to reimburse its MRLRF account the amount of \$7,889.</p> <p>In addition, we recommend the City establish controls to ensure that the salaries and benefits charged to the Local Return funds are adequately supported by timesheets, payroll registers, personnel action forms with job descriptions, or similar documentation as required by the Guidelines.</p>

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<b>Finding #2020-008 (Continued)</b>	<b>City of South El Monte</b>
<b>Management's Response</b>	<p>In order to systematically irradicate any unnecessary complexity and confusion regarding reimbursable labor cost going forward, the City intends to accomplish the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete the cost and fee study currently being conducted by NBS, who were selected through a formal RFP process. Once the study is complete, the fully burdened hourly rate of each employee will be known.</li> <li>2. Default all City employee labor hours to the General Fund.</li> <li>3. Require all City employee to track labor hours spent working on special revenue fund projects on timesheets.</li> <li>4. Have the special revenue funds reimburse the General Fund based on employee's fully burdened hourly rate multiplied by the actual hours worked per timesheet.</li> </ol>





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