



MINUTES

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

2:00 PM

Independent Citizen's Advisory and Oversight Committee

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

**Brian Russell, Chair
Dwight Ham, Vice Chair
Belinda Faustinos
Emina Darakjy
Louis Moret**

CALLED TO ORDER: 2:11 P.M.

ROLL CALL

1. SUBJECT: REMARKS BY THE CHAIR

2025-0076

RECEIVED remarks by the Chair.

Chair Russell acknowledged 27 years of service on the committee and reflected on the growth of Proposition A and C funding from around \$1.1 billion to over \$2 billion. They emphasized the committee's role in ensuring these funds are used properly for transit projects and thanked members for their commitment.

DH	LM	ED	BF	BR (Chair)
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2. SUBJECT: MINUTES

2025-0159

APPROVED Minutes of Meeting held March 6, 2024.

DH	LM	ED	BF	BR (Chair)
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

3. SUBJECT: COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS FOR METRO CAPITAL PROJECTS

2025-0176

RECEIVED oral report on cost-benefit analysis for Metro capital projects.

DH	LM	ED	BF	BR (Chair)
P	P	P	P	P

4. SUBJECT: PROPOSITION A AND PROPOSITION C AUDITS OF FISCAL YEAR 2024

2025-0068

RECEIVED AND FILED the Independent Auditor's Report on:

- A. Schedules of Revenues and Expenditures for Proposition A and Proposition C Special Revenue Funds for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024, completed by BCA Watson Rice, LLP (BCA);

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ED = E. Darakjy	BF = B. Faustinos	DH = D. Ham	LM = L. Moret	BR = B. Russell
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LEGEND: Y = YES, N = NO, C = CONFLICT, ABS = ABSTAIN, A = ABSENT, P = PRESENT

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- B. Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Proposition A and Proposition C Ordinances and Local Return Guidelines for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024, completed by Vasquez & Company, LLP (Vasquez); and
- C. Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Proposition A and Proposition C Ordinances and Local Return Guidelines for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024, completed by Simpson & Simpson, CPAs (Simpson).

Director Ham asked how decreases in revenue will impact the 2028 Games and ongoing projects. Staff explained that the annual budget process evaluates priorities and commitments, adjusting as needed. Director Ham also inquired about taxing electric vehicles to compensate for lost gas tax revenue, and staff noted that discussions are ongoing with staff in Metro's Government Relations.

Director Darakjy inquired about responsibility for controlling fund allocation for projects in each city. Staff clarified that these are pass-through funds and are distributed per the approved propositions, allowing cities to determine what projects they will be used to build.

A discussion occurred regarding recurring compliance issues in certain cities. Directors suggested stronger follow-ups and stricter consequences.

DH	LM	ED	BF	BR (Chair)
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5. SUBJECT: LOCAL RETURN

2025-0101

RECEIVED oral report on Local Return programmed revenues and uses for Los Angeles County jurisdictions to support discussion on the effective and efficient use of funds.

DH	LM	ED	BF	BR (Chair)
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6. SUBJECT: MY METRO BUDGET ACTIVITY

2025-0115

RECEIVED an oral report and live demonstration of the My Metro Budget Activity.

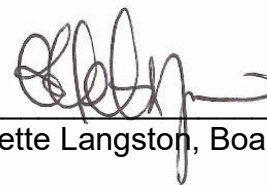
Director Ham inquired about the large turnout, asking who the people are in general. Staff that the responses come from diverse backgrounds, with efforts to capture the ridership from various neighborhoods and equity-focused communities. Nearly 70% of them ride at least once a week, and recurring hot topics include cleaning, security, and service.

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RECEIVED General Public Comment.

ADJOURNED AT 3:38 P.M.

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Collette Langston, Board Clerk