



Virtual Online Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

10:30 AM

**Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight
Committee**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:
Linda Briskman – Chair
Ryan Campbell – Vice Chair
Virginia Tanzmann
Richard Stanger
Gregory Amparano**

CALLED TO ORDER: 10:30 A.M.

ROLL CALL

1. SUBJECT: REMARKS BY THE CHAIR

2022-0073

RECEIVED remarks by the Chair.

Chair Briskman asked staff to work with Vice Chair Campbell for the rotation of leadership for the next meeting. She also stated that the agenda is heavy and to get through it in a timely fashion, Directors should be succinct with their comments.

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2. SUBJECT: MINUTES

2022-0074

APPROVED Minutes of the Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Meeting held December 1, 2021.

VT	RC	LB (Chair)	RS	GA
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

3. SUBJECT: MEASURE M AUDITS OF FISCAL YEAR 2021

2022-0086

RECEIVED and FILED the Independent Auditor’s Report on:

- A. Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures for Measure M Special Revenue Fund for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2021, completed by BCA Watson Rice, LLP (BCA);
- B. Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Measure M Ordinance and Measure M Local Return Guidelines for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2021, completed by Vasquez & Company, LLP (Vasquez); and
- C. Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Measure M Ordinance and Measure M Local Return Guidelines for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2021, completed by Simpson & Simpson, CPAs (Simpson).

VT = V. Tanzmann	RC = R. Campbell	LB = L. Briskman	RS = R. Stanger	GA = G. Amparano
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LEGEND: Y = YES, N = NO, C = CONFLICT, ABS = ABSTAIN, A = ABSENT, P = PRESENT

Regarding the Independent Auditor's Report by Vasquez & Company, LLP, Director Amparano asked if it is a procedural misstep when a city spends money without Metro's approval and if the city is aware of the misstep to which staff confirmed. Additionally, staff stated that cities have improved, and these small missteps are how uniformity in reporting out across all cities occurs.

Regarding the Independent Auditor's Report by Simpson & Simpson, CPAs, finding that timesheets were filled out and approved many months late, Director Stanger asked if Metro tracks timesheets beyond 1-year prior and if there is mechanism to force compliance. Staff responded that although this is a repeat finding, they are working with the city to ensure the forms are certified within the appropriate timeframe. To force compliance, Metro can withhold funds until the city complies. To confirm an appropriate system is in place before the annual audit, an audit would take place at the city's expense.

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4. SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT ON BUDGET

2022-0079

RECEIVED Oral Report on Budget.

Chair Briskman inquired how increased energy costs will affect projects. Staff responded that for projects that have yet to begin, increased energy costs will be considered. For projects already started, staff continues to work with the contractors to mitigate the increases.

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5. SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT ON LOCAL RETURN

2022-0080

RECEIVED Oral Report on Local Return.

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6. SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT ON STATE OF GOOD REPAIR

2022-0081

RECEIVED Oral Report on State of Good Repair.

Director Stanger commented that the miles of heavy and light rail tracks highlighted in the report are the same sections of track that were highlighted in last year's report. He asked if the tracks were the same or if they equal the same milage of track. Staff responded that typically the tracks are in different areas. Occasionally there are slow zones that remain in place while the engineering group is resolving an issue. Also, there has been an increase in fence cutting in areas of encampments that are located across the right of way. As soon as the fence is repaired, another section of the fence is cut. There are a lot of intrusion issues which affects the slow zones because the train must slow down when there are encroachments.

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7. SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT ON CONSTRUCTION MARKET ANALYSIS 2022-0120

RECEIVED Oral Report on Construction Market Analysis.

Director Amparano asked if what was presented in the report will be applied to ongoing projects because there is a more direct application process for projects that have yet to go to bid as it is expected that the bids will increase. He also asked if staff has begun an analysis around the escalation of ongoing projects and established budgets. Staff responded that current contracts are under fixed priced contracts that were bid on 10 years ago. Metro is looking at the escalation rates on projects that are in development. Currently, there are no bids out for construction. The Metro Board directed staff in a motion during February's Board Meeting to go back and factor these situations into all future projects.

Director Briskman asked if undo delays are due to the inability to acquire skilled labor. Staff responded that a contributing factor in delays of construction production lack of staffing and finding qualified people. Staff is hoping to expand the WIN LA program to include the construction industry. Also like to partner with outside Unions (Orange County, Ventura, San Bernardino etc.) to tap into that labor source. The need will be exasperated due to the upcoming Olympics.

Director Tanzmann commented that a major factor in our industry is how the estimated costs are being prepared. The impacts will revolutionize the greater look ahead on global environmental issues and the kinds of actions the industry will need to take. Metro should be prepared for another overlay factor. Consider trends dealing with all environmental issues.

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8. SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT ON TRANSIT AND HIGHWAY PROJECT 2022-0082

RECEIVED Oral Report on Transit and Highway Project.

Director Amparano asked for clarification of FGA Revenue Schedule Date and Metro's Master Schedule with regards to the Purple Line.

Staff clarified that one date is being held for revenue service and the other is for the full funding grant agreement date. The 21 months afloat is to the FTA full funding grant agreement date not to our projected agreement date.

Director Amparano also commented on the Airport Connector. He asked for clarification regarding TCP possibly being delayed if access is not provided in March.

Staff responded that Walsh Shea agreed to a completion date of March 15th. Metro will then have full access to the Crenshaw/LAX Line.

Director Amparano requested the SR 70 gap status reports be provided to the committee.

Staff will coordinate with Cal Trans to provide the report.

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9. SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT ON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION 2022-0083

RECEIVED Oral Report on Active Transportation.

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Next meeting tentatively scheduled for June 1, 2022.

ADJOURNED AT 12:15 P.M.

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Collette Langston, Board Clerk