



## **MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

### **Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:  
Richard Stanger – Chair  
Ryan Campbell – Vice Chair  
Stephen Heaney  
Paul Rajmaira  
Virginia Tanzmann**

**CALL TO ORDER: 10:11 A.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

**1. SUBJECT: REMARKS BY THE CHAIR**

**2024-0069**

RECEIVED remarks by the Chair.

RC	LB	SH	PR	VT	RS (Chair)
P	A	P	P	P	P

Chair Stanger remarked that the Metro Board approved the Oversight Committee’s recommendations in October. This includes a 6-month report back and he is looking forward to the update.

**2. SUBJECT: MINUTES**

**2024-0122**

APPROVED Minutes of the Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Meeting held December 6, 2023.

RC	LB	SH	PR	VT	RS (Chair)
Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y

Director Rajmaira asked for a follow-up on the invoice timing issue which was mentioned in the December 6, 2023 minutes under item 4, Oral Report on the Budget.

**3. SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT ON BUDGET AND SERVICE METRICS**

**2024-0085**

RECEIVED oral report on review of the Measure M transit operations budget and countywide bus service metrics to support discussion on the effective and efficient use of funds.

RC	LB	SH	PR	VT	RS (Chair)
P	A	P	P	P	P

Discussion occurred between the Directors and staff regarding the data and dashboard that was presented. Chair Stanger asked whether the data will be made available beyond this Committee, stating that it is important for taxpayers to have the ability to see how their money is being spent and what is the relative effectiveness and efficiency of their local transit operations. Staff initially responded that it would not be, then agreed to return with possible options including adding it to the Metro website.

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LB = L. Briskman	RC = R. Campbell	SH = S. Heaney	PR = P. Rajmaira	RS = R. Stanger	VT = V. Tanzmann
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LEGEND: Y = YES, N = NO, C = CONFLICT, ABS = ABSTAIN, A = ABSENT, P = PRESENT

**4. SUBJECT: MEASURE M AUDITS OF FISCAL YEAR 2023**

**2024-0064**

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, 2023, 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, 2023, 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, 2023, completed by Simpson & Simpson, CPAs (Simpson).

RC	LB	SH	PR	VT	RS (Chair)
P	A	P	P	P	P

Chair Stanger commented that it appears that a common denominator for the deficiencies that have been found relate local city to staffing and Metro staff responded that this has been an ongoing issue with staff often transitioning into other lines of work.

**5. SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT ON LOCAL RETURN**

**2024-0062**

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.

RC	LB	SH	PR	VT	RS (Chair)
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Chair Stanger asked that the link to the dashboard is shared with the committee.

**6. SUBJECT: STATE OF GOOD REPAIR**

**2024-0011**

RECEIVED oral report on State of Good Repair budget and expenses.

RC	LB	SH	PR	VT	RS (Chair)
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**7. SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT ON TRANSIT AND HIGHWAY CAPITAL PROJECTS** **2024-0065**

RECEIVED oral report on Transit and Highway Capital Projects to support discussion on the effective and efficient use of funds.

RC	LB	SH	PR	VT	RS (Chair)
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Director Rajmaira asked if the reporting format can be standardized. Staff responded that they are currently working with Deputy CEO Gookin on updated policies and procedures for reporting in addition to creating a dashboard.

**8. SUBJECT: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION UPDATES** **2024-0057**

RECEIVE oral report on Measure M Active Transportation, programmed revenues, and uses to support discussion on the effective and efficient use of funds.

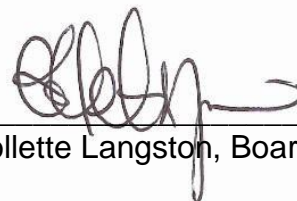
RC	LB	SH	PR	VT	RS (Chair)
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Chair Stanger commented that it is inconsistent with what the program is attempting to accomplish that these funds cannot be used on projects that are already in existence. Existing streets and roads can use local return funds for improvement, for example, and it is logical that existing bikeways also be able to be improved. He also asked if the other committee's 5-Year Assessment recommendations are being addressed.

**RECEIVED General Public Comment.**

**ADJOURNED AT 11:37 A.M.**

Prepared by: Collette Langston  
Board Clerk, Board Administration




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Collette Langston, Board Clerk