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SUBJECT: MANAGEMENT AUDIT SERVICES FY 2024 SECOND QUARTER REPORT

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE AND FILE the Management Audit Services FY 2024 Second Quarter Report.

ISSUE

Management Audit Services (MAS) is required to provide a quarterly activity report to Metro's Board of Directors (Board) that presents information on audits that have been completed or are in progress, including information related to audit follow-up activities.

BACKGROUND

It is customary practice for MAS to deliver the quarterly audit report. The FY 2024 second quarter report covers the period of October 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

MAS provides audit services in support of Metro's ability to provide responsive, accountable, and trustworthy governance. The department performs internal and external audits. Internal audits evaluate the processes and controls within the agency, while external audits analyze contractors, cities, and/or non-profit organizations that are recipients of Metro funds. The department delivers management audit services through functional groups: Performance Audit; Contract, Financial and Compliance Audit; and Administration and Policy, which includes audit support functions. Performance Audit is mainly responsible for internal audits related to Operations, Finance and Administration, Planning and Development, Program Management, Information Technology, Communications, Risk, Safety and Asset Management including the Chief Executive Office, and other internal areas. Contract, Financial, and Compliance Audit is primarily responsible for external audits in Planning, Program Management, and Vendor/Contract Management. MAS' functional units provide assurance to the public that internal processes and programs are being managed efficiently, effectively, economically, ethically, and equitably; and that desired outcomes are being achieved. This assurance is provided by MAS' functional units conducting audits of program effectiveness, economy and efficiency, internal controls, and compliance. Administration and Policy is responsible for administration, quality assurance, financial management, including audit support, audit follow-up, and

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resolution tracking.

DISCUSSION

The following summarizes MAS activity for FY 2024 second quarter:

<u>Performance Audits:</u> Nine audits were in progress.

<u>Contract, Financial and Compliance Audits:</u> 15 audits with a total value of \$29 million were completed; 74 were in progress.

<u>Financial and Compliance Audits of Metro:</u> 16 audits were issued by external Certified Public Accounting (CPA) firms.

Audit Follow-up and Resolution: Five recommendations are open.

The FY 2024 Second Quarter Report is included as Attachment A.

EQUITY PLATFORM

Management Audit Services' quarterly audit activities provide an additional level of review and assessment to identify potential equity impacts from Metro's work and performance. There are no known equity impacts or concerns from audit services conducted during this period.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Management Audit Services FY 2024 Second Quarter Report supports Metro's Vision 2028 Goal #5: Provide responsive, accountable, and trustworthy governance within the Metro organization.

NEXT STEPS

Management Audit Services will continue to report audit activity throughout the current fiscal year.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A - Management Audit Services (MAS) FY 2024 Second Quarter Report

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