

City of Hawthorne Annual Financial Report of its

Proposition A Local Return Fund Proposition C Local Return Fund Measure R Local Return Fund Measure M Local Return Fund Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund

As of and for the Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 With Independent Auditor's Report





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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund, the Measure M Local Return Fund, and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (collectively, the Funds) of the City of Hawthorne, California (the City) which comprise the Funds' balance sheets as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the related statements of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with 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 the financial statements are free from material misstatement.





An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the City's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund, the Measure M Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund of the City of Hawthorne, California, as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 2, the financial statements present only the Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund, the Measure M Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund of the City of Hawthorne, California, and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the City as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on each of the Funds' financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information identified in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary information identified in the table of contents is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the Funds' basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the Funds' basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the Funds' basic financial statements or to the Funds' basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to each of the Funds' basic financial statements as a whole.



Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 2, 2021 on our consideration of the City's internal control over the Funds' financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over the Funds' financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over the Funds' financial report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over the Funds' financial reporting and compliance.

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Glendale, California November 2, 2021

			June 30			
			2021		2020	
	ASSETS					
Cash and investments		\$	2,041,009	\$	1,801,617	
Interest receivable			284		1,290	
	Total assets	\$	2,041,293	\$_	1,802,907	
LIABILITIES Liabilities Accounts payable Accrued payroll	AND FUND BALANCE Total liabilities	\$ 	2,060 - 2,060	\$	222,019 4,948 226,967	
Fund balance						
Restricted			2,039,233		1,575,940	
	Total fund balance		2,039,233		1,575,940	
,	Total liabilities and fund balance	\$_	2,041,293	\$_	1,802,907	

	Years ended June 30			
	 2021	2020		
Revenues Proposition A	\$ 1,767,632 \$	1,722,669		
Investment income	4,371	21,342		
Project generated revenues (Note 8)	 76	6,480		
Total revenues	1,772,079	1,750,491		
Expenditures Various projects Total expenditures	 1,308,786 1,308,786	1,534,661 1,534,661		
Excess of revenues over expenditures	463,293	215,830		
Fund balance at beginning of year	 1,575,940	1,360,110		
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 2,039,233 \$	1,575,940		

Project Code	Project Name	Metro Budget	 Actual	Variance Positive	2020 Actual
135	Bus Pass Subsidy \$	30,000	\$ - \$	30,000 \$	5,952
170	Dial-A-Ride	500,000	125,415	374,585	570,740
150	Transit Safety Police	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	750,000
155	Recreational Transit	9,000	-	9,000	3,700
215	Transit Improvements - Senior Center				
	Amenities for Accessibility	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	-
302	Traffic Signal Transit Improvements	291,879	174,119	117,760	198,209
610	Administration	9,252	 9,252	-	6,060
	Total expenditures \$	3,340,131	\$ 1,308,786 \$	2,031,345 \$	1,534,661

Date Acquired		Description		Balance July 1, 2020		Additions	 Deletions	Balance June 30, 2021	
N/A	None		\$		- \$	-	\$ - \$	-	-
			Total \$		\$	-	\$ - \$		-

See independent auditor's report.

		June 30			
		2021		2020	
	ASSETS				
Cash and investments	\$	2,614,550	\$	2,114,142	
Interest receivable		369		1,437	
	Total assets \$	2,614,919	\$	2,115,579	
LIABILITIES Liabilities Accounts payable Accrued payroll	S AND FUND BALANCE \$ Total liabilities	380,745 - 380,745	\$	48,000 2,493 50,493	
Fund balance					
Restricted	_	2,234,174		2,065,086	
	Total fund balance	2,234,174		2,065,086	
	Total liabilities and fund balance \$	2,614,919	\$	2,115,579	

		Years ended June 30			
	-	2021	2020		
Revenues					
Proposition C	\$	1,466,188 \$	1,428,957		
Investment income	-	5,638	23,608		
	Total revenues	1,471,826	1,452,565		
Expenditures Various projects	Total expenditures	1,302,738 1,302,738	906,701 906,701		
Excess of revenues over expenditures	;	169,088	545,864		
Fund balance at beginning of year	-	2,065,086	1,519,222		
Fund balance at end of year	\$ _	2,234,174 \$	2,065,086		

				2021				
Project Code	Project Name		Metro Budget	 Actual		Variance Positive (Negative)		2020 Actual
135	Bus Pass Subsidy	\$	10,000	\$ -	\$	10,000 \$	5	-
170	Bus Stop Maintenance		40,000	-		40,000		-
180	Prairie Ave Improvement Project Phase II		400,000	133,703		266,297		-
620	Administration		65,529	61,440		4,089		75,784
620	Administration		17,399	17,400		(1)		18,688
715	Purchase Dump Truck to Conduct							
	Pavement Rehab on Bus Routes		100,000	-		100,000		218,849
715	Street Improvement Projects		1,100,000	1,010,195		89,805		503,380
715	Bus Routes Street Lighting		90,000	 80,000	_	10,000		90,000
	Total expenditures	\$_	1,822,928	\$ 1,302,738	\$	520,190 \$	5	906,701

City of Hawthorne Proposition C Local Return Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Capital Assets Year ended June 30, 2021

Date Acquired	Description	Balance July 1, 2020	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2021
2005	Ford 550 \$	38,282	\$-\$	38,282 \$	-
2005	Ford 550	12,500	-	12,500	-
2007	2008 Ford Truck	64,936	-	-	64,936
2011	2011 Ford 450	52,131	-	-	52,131
2013	2013 Ford 550	60,000	-	-	60,000
2015	2015 Ford 450	55,000	-	-	55,000
2017	Ford 5F550 Landscape	126,441	-	-	126,441
2019	Roadline Stencil Truck	107,066	-	-	107,066
2019	580 SN 4 Wheel Loader / Backhoe	111,783	-	-	111,783
	Total \$	628,139	\$\$	50,782 \$	577,357

		 June 30			
		2021	_	2020	
	ASSETS				
Cash and investments		\$ 1,829,810	\$	2,207,281	
Interest receivable		 236	_	1,515	
	Total assets	\$ 1,830,046	\$	2,208,796	
LIABILITIES	S AND FUND BALANCE				
Liabilities					
Accounts payable		\$ 109,151	\$	923,443	
Accrued payroll		-		3,220	
	Total liabilities	109,151		926,663	
Fund balance					
Restricted		1,720,895		1,282,133	
	Total fund balance	 1,720,895		1,282,133	
	Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 1,830,046	\$	2,208,796	

		Years ended June 30		
		2021	2020	
Revenues				
Measure R	\$	1,101,165 \$	5 1,070,185	
Investment income		3,385	22,065	
	Total revenues	1,104,550	1,092,250	
Expenditures Various projects	Total expenditures	665,788 665,788	1,090,875 1,090,875	
Excess of revenues over expenditures		438,762	1,375	
Fund balance at beginning of year	_	1,282,133	1,280,758	
Fund balance at end of year	\$	1,720,895 \$	51,282,133	

		_				
Project Code	Project Name		Metro Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	2020 Actual
630	Administration	\$	8,396 \$	8,400 \$	(4) \$	8,028
705	Construction Engineering for Prairie Blvd		150,000	68,975	81,025	100,280
715	Street Improvement Projects		800,000	464,573	335,427	813,783
715	Street Lighting Annual Maintenance		60,000	50,000	10,000	60,000
765	In-house Pavement Management/Inspection	_	132,079	73,840	58,239	108,784
	Total expenditures	\$	1,150,475 \$	665,788 \$	484,687 \$	1,090,875

Date Acquired		Description		Balance July 1, 2020		Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2021
N/A	None		\$_ Total \$		\$_ \$	- \$	\$\$\$	-

		Ju	ne 3	80
		2021		2020
	ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$	1,231,032	\$	839,836
Interest receivable		149	_	550
	Total assets \$	1,231,181	\$	840,386
LIABILITIES Liabilities Accounts payable Accrued payroll	AND FUND BALANCE \$ Total liabilities	401,560 - 401,560	\$	392,862 4,354 397,216
Fund balance Restricted	Total fund balance	829,621 829,621		443,170 443,170
Т	Total liabilities and fund balance	1,231,181	_\$	840,386

		Years ended June 30		
		 2021	2020	
Revenues Measure M Investment income		\$ 1,247,660 \$ 1,837	1,204,303 4,929	
Investment income	Total revenues	 1,249,497	1,209,232	
Expenditures Various projects	Total expenditures	 863,046 863,046	712,606	
Excess of revenues over expenditures		386,451	496,626	
Fund balance (deficit) at beginning of yea	ar	 443,170	(53,456)	
Fund balance at end of year		\$ 829,621 \$	443,170	

		_		2021		
Project			Metro		Variance	2020
Code	Project Name		Budget	Actual	Positive	Actual
640	Administration	\$	10,226 \$	10,224 \$	2 \$	9,408
715	Street Improvement Projects		950,000	664,287	285,713	445,740
715	Construction and Engineering for					
	El Segundo Boulevard		100,000	46,789	53,211	74,970
780	Planning and Design - Various Projects	_	161,673	141,746	19,927	182,488
	Total expenditures	\$	1,221,899 \$	863,046 \$	358,853 \$	712,606

Date Acquired		Description		Balance July 1, 2020		Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2021
N/A	None		\$	-	\$	- \$	\$	-
			Total \$	-	\$_	\$	\$	-

		Ju	ne 30
		2021	2020
Cash	ASSET \$_ Total asset \$_	-	\$ \$
LIABI Liability Due to other funds	_ITY AND DEFICIT \$ Total liability	<u>25,065</u> 25,065	\$
Deficit Restricted	Total deficit Total liability and deficit \$	(25,065) (25,065) -	

		Years ended	June 30
		2021	2020
Revenues Intergovernmental Allocations:	۴	40.0CE *	CC 070
Article 3	\$ Total revenues	<u>48,965</u> \$ 48,965	<u> 66,078 </u> 66,078
		40,905	00,070
Expenditures			
General Maintenance Project		74,030	66,078
	Total expenditures	74,030	66,078
Deficiency of revenues over expend	litures	(25,065)	-
Fund balance at beginning of year	_		-
Deficit at end of year	\$	<u>(25,065)</u> \$	

City of Hawthorne Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99234 Supplementary Information Schedule of Transportation Development Act Allocation for Specific Projects Year ended June 30, 2021

			Totals to Date		
Project Description	Program Year	Allocations	Expenditures	Unexpended Allocations	Project Status
Local Allocations:					
General Maintenance Project Totals		\$ <u>48,965</u> \$ \$ <u>48,965</u> \$	74,030 \$ 74,030	(25,065) (25,065)	Completed
Fund balance at beginning of year				-	
Deficit at end of year			\$	(25,065)	

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fund Accounting

The operations of the Proposition A Local Return Fund (PALRF), the Proposition C Local Return Fund (PCLRF), the Measure R Local Return Fund (MRLRF), the Measure M Local Return Fund (MMLRF) and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (TDAA3F) (collectively, the Funds) are accounted for in separate sets of self-balancing accounts that comprise their assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues and expenditures.

PALRF and PCLRF represent 25% and 20%, respectively, of the ½ cent Proposition A and ½ cent Proposition C sales taxes which are distributed to the jurisdictions within Los Angeles County based on population and must be used exclusively for transportation related programs and projects.

MRLRF is derived from 15% of the county-wide ½ cent Measure R sales tax which is distributed to the jurisdictions within Los Angeles County based on a per capita basis and must be used exclusively for transportation purposes.

MMLRF is derived from 17% of the county-wide ½ cent Measure M sales tax which is distributed to the jurisdictions within Los Angeles County based on a per capita basis and must be used exclusively for transportation purposes.

TDAA3F is a Special Revenue Fund that accounts for the City's share of the Transportation Development Act Article 3 allocations which are legally restricted for specific purposes.

Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

The PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, MMLRF and TDAA3F are reported as Special Revenue Funds of the City and are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they become "susceptible to accrual", that is, measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred.

Special Revenue Funds are reported on a spending or "financial flow" measurement focus. This means that generally, only current assets, current liabilities and deferred inflows and outflows of resources are included on their balance sheets. Statements of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for Special Revenue Funds generally present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgeted amounts presented in this report for comparison to the actual amounts are based on budgets approved by Metro and are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fair Value Measurement

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, the City categorizes its fair value measurement within the fair value hierarchy that is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the investment. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical investments; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. Accordingly, the City reports its investments at fair value and recognizes unrealized gain (loss) on investments.

Refer to the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for detailed disclosures regarding the City's investments policy and fair value measurement disclosures.

Fund Balance Reporting

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, establishes the fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds.

The PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, MMLRF and TDAA3F report the following fund balance classification as of June 30, 2021 and 2020:

• Restricted - Amounts that are constrained for specific purposes, which are externally imposed by providers, such as creditors, or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The use of the Funds' remaining fund balances is restricted for projects approved by Metro.

Information regarding the fund balance reporting policy adopted by the City is described in the City's ACFR.

NOTE 2 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements reflect only the financial position and results of operations of the PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, MMLRF and TDAA3F, and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the City's financial position as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NOTE 3 PROPOSITION A AND PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Proposition A Ordinance requires that Local Return (LR) funds be used exclusively to benefit public transit. Expenditures related to fixed route and paratransit services, Transportation Demand Management, Transportation Systems Management and fare subsidy programs that exclusively benefit transit are all eligible uses of Proposition A LR funds. Proposition A LR funds may also be traded with other Jurisdictions in exchange for general or other funds.

The Proposition C Ordinance directs that LR funds also be used to benefit public transit, as described above, but provides an expanded list of eligible project expenditures including Congestion Management Programs, bikeways and bike lanes, street improvements supporting public transit service, and Pavement Management System projects. Proposition C LR funds cannot be traded.

Proposition A and Proposition C LR funds must be expended within three years of the last day of the fiscal year in which funds were originally allocated.

In accordance with *Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Program Guidelines*, funds received pursuant to these guidelines may only be used for Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return approved programs. See accompanying Compliance Matrix.

NOTE 4 MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Measure R Ordinance specifies that LR funds be used exclusively for transportation purposes.

Measure R LR funds must be expended within five years of the first day of the fiscal year in which funds were originally allocated or received.

In accordance with *Measure R Local Return Program Guidelines*, funds received pursuant to these guidelines may only be used for Measure R Local Return approved programs. See accompanying Compliance Matrix.

NOTE 5 MEASURE M LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Measure M was approved by the voters of Los Angeles County on November 8, 2016 to improve transportation and ease traffic congestion consistent with the Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan Ordinance approved by the Metro Board of Directors on June 23, 2016. The Measure M Ordinance specifies that LR funds be used exclusively for transportation purposes.

Measure M LR funds must be expended within five years of the first day of the fiscal year in which funds were originally allocated or received.

NOTE 5 MEASURE M LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

In accordance with *Measure M Local Return Program Guidelines,* funds received pursuant to these guidelines may only be used for Measure M Local Return approved programs. See accompanying Compliance Matrix.

NOTE 6 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with *Public Utilities Code Section 99234*, funds received pursuant to this Code's section may only be used for activities relating to pedestrians and bicycle facilities. See accompanying Compliance Matrix.

NOTE 7 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, MMLRF and TDAA3F cash balances were pooled with various other City funds for deposit and investment purposes. The share of each fund in the pooled cash account was separately maintained and interest income was apportioned to the participating funds based on the relationship of their average guarterly balances to the total of the pooled cash and investments.

Please refer to the City's ACFR for a full description of risks relating to cash and investments.

NOTE 8 PROJECT GENERATED REVENUES

Project generated revenues under PALRF for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 consisted of the following:

	2021	2020
Dial-A-Ride fares	\$ 40	\$ 2,460
MTA bus pass sales	36	4,020
	\$ 76	\$ 6,480

NOTE 9 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND REVENUE ALLOCATION

The revenue allocations for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 consisted of the following:

	2021	2020
FY 2019/20 allocation	\$ -	\$ 66,078
FY 2020/21 allocation	48,965	-
	\$ 48,965	\$ 66,078

NOTE 10 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUNDS RESERVED

In accordance with TDA Article 3 (SB821) Guidelines, funds which will not be spent during the fiscal year have been placed on reserve in the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) account with the County Auditor-Controller to be drawn down whenever the funds become eligible for a specific project and an approved drawdown request is received by Metro. As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the City has funds on reserve as follows:

	2021	2020
FY 2020/21 allocation	\$ 18,035	\$ -
	\$ 18,035	\$ -

For FY 2020/21, any TDA Article 3 funds left on reserve for FY 2016/17 or prior, are subject to lapse if not claimed by the City by June 30, 2021. There were no funds that lapsed in FY 2020/21.

NOTE 11 IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern" and on March 10, 2020, declared it to be a pandemic. The coronavirus and actions taken to mitigate it have had and are expected to continue to have an adverse impact on the economies and financial markets of many countries, including the United States.

It is unknown how long these conditions will last and what the complete financial effect will be to businesses and other affected organizations, including local governmental entities. However, the City's management believes that the financial impact, if any, will not materially affect the June 30, 2021 funds financial statements.

NOTE 12 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The City has evaluated events subsequent to June 30, 2021 to assess the need for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. Such events were evaluated through November 2, 2021, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based upon this evaluation, it was determined that no subsequent events occurred that require recognition or additional disclosure in the financial statements.



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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund, the Measure M Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (collectively, the Funds) of the City of Hawthorne, California (the City) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 2, 2021.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the Funds' financial statements, we considered the City's internal control over the Funds' financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the Funds' financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Funds' financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.





Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's Proposition A Local Return Fund, Proposition C Local Return Fund, Measure R Local Return Fund, Measure M Local Return Fund and Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Glendale, California November 2, 2021

COMPLIANCE SECTION



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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Report on Compliance

We have audited the City of Hawthorne, California's (the City) compliance with the Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Guidelines, Measure R Local Return Guidelines, Measure M Local Return Guidelines, Transportation Development Act Article 3, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Funding and Allocation Guidelines for Transportation Development Act Article 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Funds (collectively, the Guidelines) for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for the City's compliance with the Guidelines.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the City's compliance with the Guidelines based on our audit. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the Guidelines. Those standards and the Guidelines require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Proposition A Local Return Program, Proposition C Local Return Program, Measure R Local Return Program, Measure M Local Return Program and Transportation Development Act Article 3 Program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance with the Guidelines. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with the Guidelines.

Opinion

In our opinion, the City of Hawthorne, California complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements of the Guidelines for the year ended June 30, 2021.





Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the City is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the City's internal control over compliance to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance, 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 the City's internal control over compliance.

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 with the requirements, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in a significant deficiency 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.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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

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Glendale, California November 2, 2021

	Compliance Dominante		In C	omplia	ance	Questioned	If no, provide details and
	Compliance Requirements A. Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Funds			No	N/A	Costs	management response.
Α.							
	1.	Uses the State Controller's Uniform					
		System of Accounts and Records					
		or has established a separate					
		Proposition A and Proposition C					
		Local Transit Assistance Account					
		for Local Return purposes.	Х				
	2.	Revenues received including					
		allocations, project generated					
		revenues and interest income was					
		properly credited to the Proposition					
		A and/or Proposition C Local					
		Return Account.	Х				
	3.	Funds were expended with Metro's					
		approval and were not substituted	V				
	4	for property tax.	X X				
		Timely use of funds.	X				
	5.	Administrative expenses are within	v				
	<u> </u>	the 20% cap.	Х				
	6.	Expenditures that exceeded 25%					
		of approved project budget have					
		approved amended Project Description Form (Form A) or					
		electronic equivalent.			x		
	7	Annual Project Update Report					
	1.	(Form B) or electronic equivalent					
		was submitted on time.	Х				
	8	Annual Expenditure Report (Form	~				
	0.	C) or electronic equivalent was					
		submitted on time.	Х				
	9.	Pavement Management System			1		
		(PMS) is in place and being used					
		for Street Maintenance or					
		Improvement Projects					
		Expenditures.	Х				
	10	Local Return Account is credited					
		for reimbursable expenditures.	Х				
	11.	Where Proposition A funds were					
		given, loaned or exchanged by one					
		jurisdiction to another, the					
		receiving jurisdiction has credited					
		its Local Return Account with the					
		funds received.			Х		
	12.	Self-Certification was completed					
		and submitted for Intelligent					
		Transportation Systems projects					
		and elements.			Х		

	Compliance Requirements		omplia	ance	Questioned	If no, provide details and
			Yes No N/A	Costs	management response.	
Α.	Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Funds					
	 A separate account was established for Capital reserve funds, Capital reserve was approved by Metro and current status is reported in the Annual Project Update (Form B) or electronic equivalent. 			x		
	14. Recreational transit form was submitted on time.			x		
	15. Fund exchanges (trades, loans, or gifts) were approved by Metro.			x		
	 Proposition C Local Return Funds were used to augment, not supplant existing local revenues being used for road improvement purposes. 	x				
	17. All on-going and carryover projects were reported on Form B or electronic equivalent.	x				
	 18. Cash or cash equivalents are maintained. 	x				
	 Accounting procedures, record keeping, and documentation are adequate. 	x				

	Compliance Requirements			omplia	ance	Questioned	If no, provide details and
	Compliance Requirements		Yes	No	N/A	Costs	management response.
В.		asure R Local Return Fund					
	1.	Funds were expended for					
	_	transportation purposes.	Х				
	2.						
	_	Account was established.	Х				
	3.	Revenues received including					
		allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was					
		properly credited to the Measure M					
		Local Return Account.	х				
	4	Funds were expended with Metro's					
		approval.	Х				
	5.	Funds were not substituted for					
	-	property tax and are in compliance					
		with the Maintenance of Effort.	Х				
	6.	Timely use of funds.	Х				
	7.	Administrative expenses are within					
		the 20% cap.	Х				
	8.	Expenditure Plan (Form One or					
		electronic equivalent) was					
	_	submitted timely.	Х				
	9.	Annual Expenditure Report (Form					
		Two or electronic equivalent) was submitted timely.	х				
	10	Where funds expended were					
	10.	reimbursable by other grants or					
		fund sources, the reimbursement					
		was credited to the Local Return					
		Account upon receipt of the					
		reimbursement.			Х		
	11.	Where Measure R funds were					
		given, loaned or exchanged by one					
		jurisdiction to another, the					
		receiving jurisdiction has credited					
		its Local Return Account with the			v		
	12	funds received. A separate account was			Х		
	12.	established for Capital reserve					
		funds and Capital reserve was					
		approved by Metro.			Х		
	13.	Funds were used to augment, not					
		supplant existing local revenues					
		being used for transportation					
		purposes unless there is a fund					
		shortfall.	Х				

	Compliance Requirements		omplia	ance	Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
			No	o N/A		
В.	Measure R Local Return Fund					
	14. Recreational transit form was					
	submitted on time.			Х		
	15. Fund exchanges (trades, loans, or					
	gifts) were approved by Metro.			Х		
	16. Accounting procedures, record					
	keeping, and documentation are					
	adequate.	Х				

Compliance Requirements				omplia		Questioned	If no, provide details and
			Yes N	No	N/A	Costs	management response.
C.		asure M Local Return Fund					
	1.	Funds were expended for	V				
		transportation purposes.	Х				
	2.	Separate Measure M Local Return	V				
	2	Account was established.	Х				
	3.	Revenues received including allocations, project generated					
		revenues and interest income was					
		properly credited to the Measure M					
		Local Return Account.	Х				
	4.	Funds were expended with Metro's					
		approval.	Х				
	5.	Funds were not substituted for					
		property tax and are in compliance					
		with the Maintenance of Effort.	Х				
	6.	Timely use of funds.	Х				
	7.	Administrative expenses are within					
		the 20% cap.	Х				
	8.	Expenditure Plan (Form M-One or					
		electronic equivalent) was					
		submitted timely.	Х				
	9.	Expenditure Report (Form M-Two					
		or electronic equivalent) was	V				
	10	submitted timely.	Х				
	10.	Where funds expended were reimbursable by other grants or					
		fund sources, the reimbursement					
		was credited to the Local Return					
		Account upon receipt of the					
		reimbursement.			Х		
	11.	Where Measure M funds were					
		given, loaned or exchanged by one					
		jurisdiction to another, the					
		receiving jurisdiction has credited					
		its Local Return Account with the					
		funds received.			Х		
	12.	A separate account was					
		established for Capital reserve					
		funds and Capital reserve was approved by Metro.			х		
	12	Funds were used to augment, not			^		
	10.	supplant existing local revenues					
		being used for transportation					
		purposes unless there is a fund					
		shortfall.	Х				

Compliance Requirements		omplia	ance	Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
		No	lo N/A		
C. Measure M Local Return Fund					
14. Recreational transit form was					
submitted on time.			Х		
15. Fund exchanges (trades, loans, or					
gifts) were approved by Metro.			Х		
16. Accounting procedures, record					
keeping, and documentation are					
adequate.	Х				

	Compliance Requirements		omplia	ance	Questioned	If no, provide details and
			No	N/A	Costs	management response.
D.	Transportation Development Act Article					
	3 Fund					
	 Timely use of funds. 	Х				
	2. Expenditures were incurred for					
	activities relating to pedestrian and					
	bicycle facilities and amenities.	Х				

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

There were no findings noted.

EXIT CONFERENCE

An exit conference was held on November 2, 2021 with the City of Hawthorne representatives. Those in attendance were:

Vasquez and Company LLP representatives: Marialyn Labastilla – Audit Senior Manager Erica Ong – Senior Auditor

City of Hawthorne representatives: Felice Lopez – Finance Director Shuntell Dixon – Internal Auditor

Matters discussed:

Results of the audit disclosed no significant compliance or financial statement issues.

A copy of this report was forwarded to the following City of Hawthorne representatives for comments prior to the issuance of the final report:

Felice Lopez – Finance Director Shuntell Dixon – Internal Auditor



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