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Board Report

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MEASURE M INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE JUNE 2, 2021

SUBJECT: MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE Minutes of the Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Meeting held March 3, 2021.



Virtual Online Meeting

MINUTES - AMENDED

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

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: 10:37 A.M.

ROLL CALL

1. SUBJECT: REMARKS BY THE CHAIR

2021-0075

RECEIVED remarks by the **Chair**.

VT	RC	LB (Chair)	RS	GA
P	A	P	P	P

2. SUBJECT: MINUTES

2021-0076

APPROVED Minutes of the Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Meeting held December 2, 2020.

VT	RC	LB (Chair)	RS	GA
P	A	P	P	P

3. SUBJECT: MEASURE M AUDITS OF FISCAL YEAR 2020

2020-0935

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, 2020 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, 2020 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, 2020 completed by Simpson and Simpson (Simpson), CPAs.

Director Amparano asked if Metro provides reminders of the submission deadline of the Expenditure Plan Form M-1. Staff sends numerous reminders to all cities. He asked if a significant deficiency would be characterized as a material weakness or will material weaknesses always be measured on their own merit. A repeat finding is escalated on how the finding is categorized but is also based on the materiality. If the finding is material to the funds spent or there are repeat deficiencies, it would automatically be categorized as a material weakness and actions would need to be taken.

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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

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Director Briskman asked if Bell Gardens had an issue with staffing. She also commented that the deadline is not taken seriously because there is no penalty for late submission. Bell Gardens contracted a consultant and the consultant was not able to submit the expenditure plan on time.

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P	A	P	P	P

4. SUBJECT: Oral Report on Budget **2020-0937**

RECEIVED Oral Report on Budget

Director Stanger commented that in the last meeting, Mr. Phillips asked the committee to suggest better ways to reflect the requirements in the Measure M language. Mr. Stanger noted that Metro lacks clear information on how operating funds are effectively being utilized. Furthermore, Prop A, Prop C and Measure M operating funds are blended and it is not possible to assign Measure M funds to any particular transit services. He and staff will be determining how best to reflect the intent of the Measure M language over the next several reporting cycles.

VT	RC	LB (Chair)	RS	GA
P	A	P	P	P

5. SUBJECT: Oral Report on Local Return **2020-0938**

RECEIVED Oral Report on Local Return

VT	RC	LB (Chair)	RS	GA
P	A	P	P	P

6. SUBJECT: Oral Report on State of Good Repair **2020-0940**

RECEIVED Oral Report on State of Good Repair

VT	RC	LB (Chair)	RS	GA
P	A	P	P	P

7. SUBJECT: Oral Report on Transit and Highway Project Status 2020-0941

RECEIVED Oral Report on Transit and Highway Project Status

Public comment by Jason L. asking staff to provide a report on all incomplete expenditure plan projects at the next meeting.

VT	RC	LB (Chair)	RS	GA
P	A	P	P	P

8. SUBJECT: Oral Report on Active Transportation 2020-0942


RECEIVED Oral Report on Active Transportation

VT	RC	LB (Chair)	RS	GA
P	A	P	P	P

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for June 2, 2021.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:42 P.M.

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