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Board Report

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MEASURE M INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE JUNE 7, 2023

SUBJECT: MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE Minutes of the Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Meeting held March 1, 2023.



MINUTES

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

10:00 AM

Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee

DIRECTORS PRESENT:
Virginia Tanzmann – Chair
Ryan Campbell – Vice Chair
Linda Briskman
Paul Rajmaira
Richard Stanger

CALLED TO ORDER: 10:01 A.M.

ROLL CALL

1. SUBJECT: REMARKS BY THE CHAIR

2023-0037

RECEIVED remarks by the Chair.

Chair Tanzmann welcomed the Committee to the first in-person meeting since the State of Emergency has been lifted and welcomed new member, Director Paul Rajmaira. The biggest item on the horizon is the 5-year assessment. She is excited to see the Committee grow but there are still two open spots.

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2. SUBJECT: MINUTES

2023-0084

APPROVED Minutes of the Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Meetings held December 15, 2022, and January 10, 2023.

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

3. SUBJECT: MEASURE M INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE BYLAWS

2023-0081

APPROVED the proposed Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Bylaws.

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

VT = V. Tanzmann	RC = R. Campbell	LB = L. Briskman	PR = P. Rajmaira	RS = R. Stanger
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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 2022

2023-0057

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, 2022, 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, 2022, 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, 2022, completed by Simpson & Simpson, CPAs (Simpson).

With regards to the audit completed by BCA Watson, Director Stanger questioned what the “other” costs were that appear to escalate quickly. Staff responded that they account for salary wages and fringe benefits associated with Measure M projects. Director Stanger also questioned why the audits did not confirm the required allocations of Measure M funds to its nine Subfunds. He noted apparent discrepancies between the annual audit and the annual budget figures and said it was difficult to compare the two.

Related to the Vasquez & Company, LLP audit and the discrepancies that have been noted year over year, Metro staff explained that lack of personnel at the cities has created an issue for reporting.

After some discussions regarding the audit completed by Simpson and Simpson, CPA, and the notification process, Director Briskman asked staff to make sure their contact list of City Managers is updated annually.

After the presentation, it was determined that a reconciliation sheet would be helpful to paint a full picture of the budget.

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5. SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT ON BUDGET

2023-0058

RECEIVED oral report on Budget.

Director Stanger asked for clarification about the projection of increased sales tax revenue when the general consensus assumes a possible recession. Staff explained that the projections used show a slowdown in the economy, and the budgeted amounts are lower than the dollars that have actually been coming in. Staff added that they are constantly evaluating the numbers and will do a midyear reconciliation if necessary. Director Stanger also asked staff to prepare a running total of Measure M funds by Subfund to show total allocations, expenditures/commitments, and balances.

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6. SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT ON LOCAL RETURN

2023-0059

RECEIVED oral report on Local Return.

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7. SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT ON STATE OF GOOD REPAIR

2023-0085

RECEIVED oral report on State of Good Repair.

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8. SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT ON TRANSIT AND HIGHWAY PROJECTS **2023-0062**

RECEIVED oral report on Transit and Highway Projects.

Director Stanger noted that there are projects that are will be starting operations in the next several years and he was not aware of any operating plans and expected operating costs. He suggested that these be prepared so that Metro could have some idea of future operating costs. He noted that the Montclair-Long Beach service in particular may be quite costly to operate.

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Director Rajmaira inquired about the delays on the Purple Line, Section 3 and asked for an update at the next meeting. Staff responded that due to the active discussions, the updates will be minimal.

Chair Tanzmann asked how Metro is managing the overall success of alternative delivery methods to which staff responded that the roll out has been successful but at this point, Metro has only awarded contracts and there is still a lot of work to be done. Chair Tanzmann asked for updates on the process and insight on lessons learned.

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9. SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT ON MEASURE M ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

2023-0052

RECEIVED oral Report on Measure M Active Transportation Updates.

Director Stanger had multiple questions about the LA River Bike Path, how it and the other listed Active Transportation projects were to be funded with only 2% of Measure M funds, and which agency will be managing the project. Staff responded that construction of the LA River Bike Path project and many others would not be funded with Active Transportation funds but with other funds. Director Stanger asked that staff prepare a list of just what projects the Active Transportation funds will be funding with its 2% allocation.

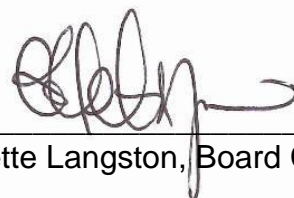
Director Rajmaira asked why the projects are in 2015 dollars and how it compares to today's dollars. Staff responded that 2015 is used as a basis until projects receive an updated forecast. The projects are tracked against the Measure M Ordinance and once the 5-year assessment is completed, it will include updated forecasts.

Chair Tanzmann mentioned that the Active Transportation Strategic Plan caught her attention and requested a presentation at the next meeting.

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ADJOURNED AT 12:02 P.M.

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