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MEASURE M INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 6, 2023

SUBJECT: MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE Minutes of the Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Meetings held September 13, 2023 and October 5, 2023.

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MINUTES

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

10:00 AM

Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee

DIRECTORS PRESENT:
Richard Stanger – Chair
Ryan Campbell – Vice Chair
Linda Briskman
Stephen Heaney

CALL TO ORDER: 10:05 A.M.

ROLL CALL

1. SUBJECT: REMARKS BY THE CHAIR 2023-0517

RECEIVED remarks by the Chair.

Chair Stanger thanked Director Tanzmann for her service as previous Chair. Additionally, he thanked Metro staff for putting the meetings together. He stated that the focus of today's meeting and maybe future meetings will be the 5-year assessment.

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

2. SUBJECT: MINUTES 2023-0518

APPROVED Minutes of the Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Meeting held June 7, 2023.

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

3. SUBJECT: MEASURE M FIVE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT AND EQUITY REPORT 2023-0431

Director Campbell asked staff to define "equity reporting" and when Metro began using an equity-based approach. Staff replied that the framework consists of utilizing financial information which is gathered using surveys and programs to make sure Metro is serving the people that need it most. The framework was adopted in 2018 and the equity-focused map was adopted in 2019 and updated in 2022 with censuses data.

Chair Stanger commented that the Oversight Committee is responsible for ensuring that the taxpayers' money is being spent appropriately, adding that the 5-year Assessment is an important part of its purpose. He continued that the Committee did not have adequate time to review the 195-page assessment to make findings and recommend improvements. Chair Stanger pointed out that the assessment of the Committee itself was finalized by staff in April yet was being seen first by the Committee in this package but that it was being presented as a separate item without a vote, not as part of the 5-year Assessment Report which was being voted on. Staff clarified that a summary of the assessment of the committee is included on page 53 of the 5-year assessment and the entire assessment is included as appendix C.

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LEGEND: Y = YES, N = NO, C = CONFLICT, ABS = ABSTAIN, A = ABSENT, P = PRESENT

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Chair Stanger then said that he could not approve Item 3 because the assessment of the Committee (Agenda Item 4) was included as appendix C and that he had substantial problems with it. After discussion, it was decided to move to Agenda Item 4, then return to Agenda Item 3.

After reviewing Item 4 (see below), Director Briskman agreed with the Chair that there was not enough time to review the Assessment to be able to make recommendations to Metro and asked if this item had to go to the Board in September. Staff agreed that Items 3 and Item 4 could be rescheduled for the MTA Board in October. The Committee voted to table these items and to have a separate meeting in the near future on them with the objective of finalizing the Committee's review of Items 3 and 4, its findings and recommendations for improvement.

TABLED UNDER RECONSIDERATION:

A. RECEIVING AND FILING the Measure M Five-Year Comprehensive Assessment and Equity Report (Attachment A); and

B. MAKING findings and/or recommendations for improving the Measure M Program.

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

4. SUBJECT: MEASURE M INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ASSESSMENT **2023-0424**

Chair Stanger raised a number of issues he had with the Assessment of the Committee. He felt it overstated the level of oversight the Committee provided. He also indicated that the assessment misstated language in the Ordinance and failed to include members' comments as part of the assessment.

Director Briskman felt that the Committee did focus on the minute details, and that it provides the type of oversight that the full Metro Board cannot.

A discussion occurred regarding findings. There is a difference between the language in the Ordinance and what the assessment indicated. This needs to be clarified.

Each Committee member was interviewed as part of the assessment. Chair Stanger also submitted written comments; none of which were referred to in the Final Report. These points were discussed by the Committee.

Director Briskman suggested scheduling another meeting within 30 days.

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Deputy CEO Gookin confirmed that Items 3 and 4 can both be carried over to the October board cycle.

TABLED the attached Assessment of the Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (MMITOC) report completed by BCA Watson Rice, LLP (BCA).

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

5. SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT ON LOCAL RETURN **2023-0506**

RECEIVED oral report on Local Return.

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

6. SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT ON STATE OF GOOD REPAIR **2023-0465**

RECEIVED oral report on State of Good Repair.

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

7. SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT ON TRANSIT AND COMPLETE STREETS & HIGHWAYS PROJECTS **2023-0509**

RECEIVED oral report on Transit and Complete Streets & Highways Projects.

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

8. SUBJECT: MEASURE M ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION UPDATES **2023-0508**

RECEIVED oral report on Measure M Active Transportation Updates.

Chair Stanger was concerned that active transportation funding was being used for regular street improvements but met with Metro staff prior to the Measure M meeting and it was explained that these funds are not being used for street improvements.

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RECEIVED GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

A Special Measure M Meeting will be scheduled within the next 30 days to continue discussions about the Measure M 5-Year Assessment (Item 3) and the Assessment of the Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (Item 4).

ADJOURNED AT 12:18 P.M.

Prepared by: Collette Langston
Board Clerk, Board Administration

Collette Langston, Board Clerk

MINUTES

Thursday, October 5, 2023

1:00 PM

Special Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee

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

*Attended Virtually
Hawthorne Library
12700 Grevillea Ave
Hawthorne, CA 90250

**Attended Virtually
John Graham Library
9 Parsonage St
Newville, PA 17241

CALLED TO ORDER: 1:06 P.M.

ROLL CALL

1. **SUBJECT: MEASURE M FIVE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT AND EQUITY REPORT** **2023-0613**

RECEIVED AND FILED the Measure M Five-Year Comprehensive Assessment and Equity Report (Attachment A).

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

2. **SUBJECT: FINDINGS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE MEASURE M PROGRAM** **2023-0635**

APPROVED AS AMENDED the findings and/or recommendations to improve the Measure M program made by the Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (Attachment A).

STANGER AMENDMENT: To remove Recommendation #4 from the staff report.

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

ADJOURNED AT 1:35 P.M.

Prepared by: Mandy Cheung
Administrative Analyst, Board Administration

Deanna Phillips, Deputy Board Clerk

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