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**MEASURE M INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 11, 2024**

**SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT ON LOCAL RETURN**

**ACTION: ORAL REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

RECEIVE oral report on Local Return programmed revenues and uses for Los Angeles County jurisdictions to support discussion on the effective and efficient use of funds.

**ISSUE**

To support the discussion on Local Return revenue amounts programmed and usage by each Los Angeles County local jurisdiction, this report provides a quarterly update and presents the status of Local Return funding in the second quarter of fiscal year 2025 (FY25). This includes audit updates, a summary of Measure M fund uses within the second quarter, and updates on current points of concern with Metro’s Board of Directors.

**EQUITY PLATFORM**

Local Return receives a 17% revenue share of the Measure M Ordinance funding that is apportioned to local jurisdictions by population. Under Board-adopted guidelines, this item enables the programming of funds to recipients to support the implementation of various transportation projects and improvements throughout the region. This includes improvements for public access, paratransit services for seniors and individuals with disabilities, and transit subsidies for students and low-income residents. Local jurisdictions make the determination of the projects that are most beneficial for their communities.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - Local Return Presentation

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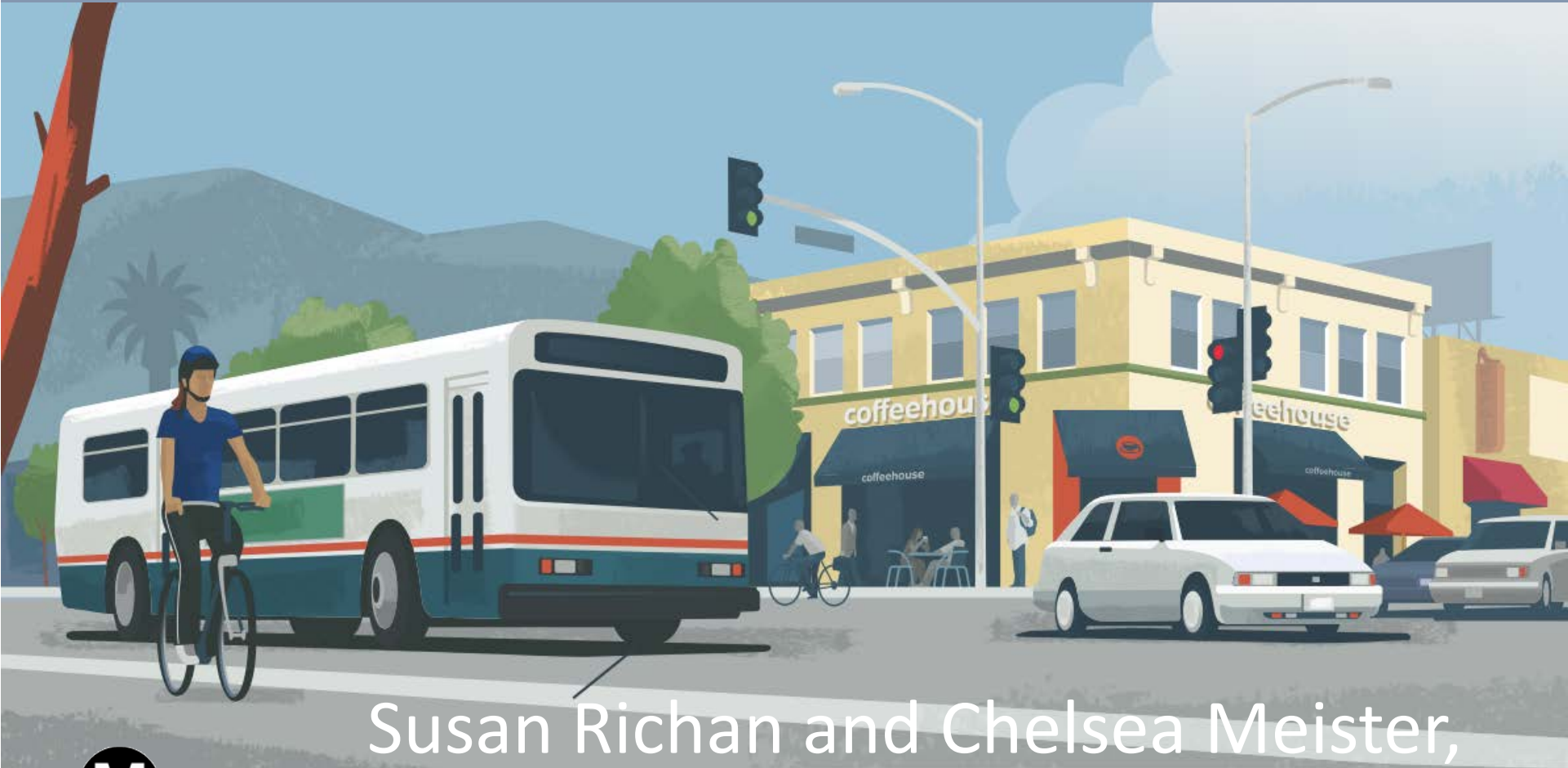
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# Measure M Local Return

December 2024 update



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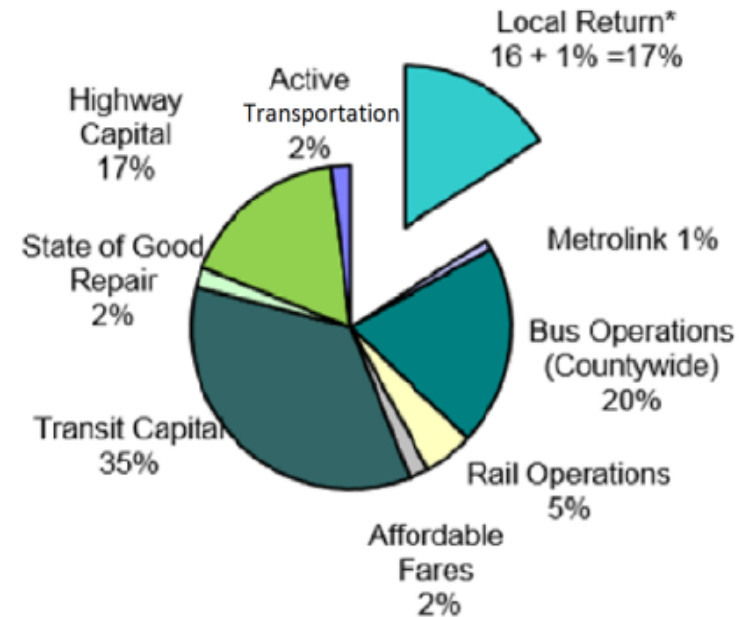


# Local Return (LR) – Measure M

- Measure M (approved in 2016 – funding started FY18)
  - 17% LR share (16% share plus 1% of the 1.5% off the top)
- Requires Assurances and Understanding agreement
- Jurisdictions are audited annually for compliance to Measure M  
Data from the LRMS  
(Formerly on the Form M-One and Form M-Two)

Due dates are the same for all LR:  
August 1 (budget) and  
October 15th (expenditures)

## MEASURE M



\*Local Return receives 1% from the 1.5% of the "off the top" Administration

# Local Return – Updates

The Local Return Workshop went over audit requirements. Cities were notified that the close of the fiscal year was June 30, 2024, and that they needed to have all of their projects approved on or by that date. Broadcast emails have been sent to cities regarding other due dates and potential lapsing dates.

The FY2023-24 audit process is on-going and will end December 31, 2024. Final audits will be available in January and a summary of audit findings will be presented to the Oversight Committees.

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In March 2023, Metro Board approved the Bus Shelters Motion directing staff to investigate Local Return investment into bus stops, among other efforts.

- To date 4 cities have used Measure M Local Return funds for bus stops
- Most cities use other local return fund sources for bus stop improvements
- This will inform planned Quality of Life Scorecard which will assess how pass-through funding supports local infrastructure including bus stops

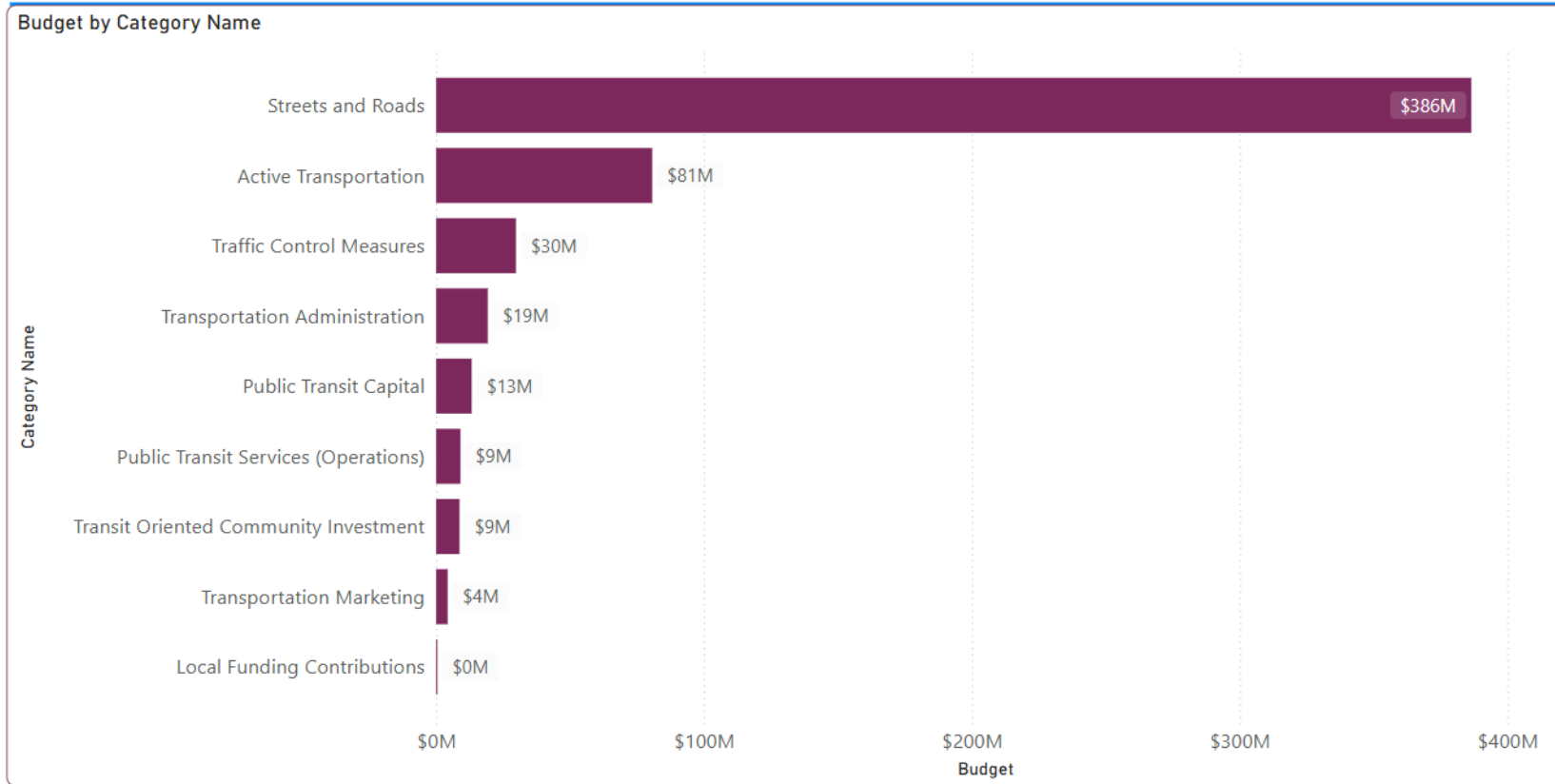
# FY25 Measure M Local Return Fund Usage

**Approved Budget 2025**

**\$552M**

**Total No of Projects in 2025**

**709**



THANK YOU!

## Questions?

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