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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

9 CONSIDER: [2016-0774](#)

- A. ADOPTING the **Investment Policy** as revised in Attachment A.
- B. APPROVING the **Financial Institutions Resolution** authorizing financial institutions to honor signatures of LACMTA Officials, Attachment B; and
- C. DELEGATING to the Treasurer or his/her designees, the **authority to invest funds for a one year period**, pursuant to California Government Code ("Code") Section 53607.

Attachments: [Attachment A - 2017 LACMTA Investment Policy prelim](#)
 [Attachment B - Financial Resolution 01'17 prelim](#)

10 CONSIDER: [2016-0935](#)

- A. ADOPTING the **Resolution authorizing LACMTA Officials to execute and sign an agreement with the State Board of Equalization for implementation of Measure M**, Attachment A;
- B. APPROVING agreement to set-up systems to administer and operate Measure M, Attachment B, at a one-time cost up to \$175,000; the funds are included in the FY17 budget;
- C. APPROVING agreement to provide on-going administration and operation of Measure M, Attachment C;
- D. ADOPTING the Resolution authorizing examination of Measure M sales tax records by Metro and audit consultant staff, Attachment D; and
- E. AUTHORIZING the CEO or his designee to take all actions necessary to achieve the foregoing.

The attachments are in substantially final form.

Attachments: [Attachment A - RESOLUTION - Authority to Sign Contracts](#)
 [Attachment B - Agreement for Preparation to Administer and Operate](#)
 [Attachment C - Agreement for State Administration Measure M](#)
 [Attachment D - District Resolution](#)

- 11 AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer to execute a right-of-way contract of sale (Contract) with the **State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on the Interstate 5 Freeway between Burbank Boulevard and Buena Vista Street** (Project).

[2016-0941](#)

Attachments: [Attachment A - Contract of Sale Key Terms](#)

Adjournment

Consideration of items not on the posted agenda, including: items to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff; items to be placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee or Board; and/or items requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda.



Board Report

File #: 2016-0774, File Type: Policy

Agenda Number: 9

FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE JANUARY 18, 2017

SUBJECT: INVESTMENT POLICY

ACTION: ANNUAL ADOPTION OF INVESTMENT POLICY AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE

RECOMMENDATION

CONSIDER:

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- B. APPROVING the **Financial Institutions Resolution** authorizing financial institutions to honor signatures of LACMTA Officials, Attachment B; and
- C. DELEGATING to the Treasurer or his/her designees, the **authority to invest funds for a one year period**, pursuant to California Government Code ("Code") Section 53607.

ISSUE

Section 53646 of the Code, requires that the Board, on an annual basis and at a public meeting, review and approve the Investment Policy. Section 53607 of the Code, requires that the Board delegate investment authority to the Treasurer on an annual basis.

Measure M sales tax revenues will be subject to the guidelines in the attached investment policy as part of special revenue funds that consist of all local sales tax revenue.

Section 10.8 of the Investment Policy requires that the Treasurer submit the Financial Institutions Resolution to the Board annually for approval.

DISCUSSION

The Board approves the objectives and guidelines that direct the investment of operating funds. The proposed revision expands our investment choices by allowing the purchase of equipment receivables as noted in the Investment Policy, Attachment A, Footnotes to Section 5.1A, footnote k.

Financial Institutions require Board authorization to establish custody, trustee and commercial bank

accounts. In accordance with the Investment Policy, staff reviewed and updated the resolution to reflect position title changes. See Attachment B.

To streamline this board report, the following reference materials may be found on the Internet:

Current Investment Policy:

http://www.metro.net/about_us/finance/images/investment_policy.pdf

California Government Code: Section 53600 to 53609, Section 53646, Section 53652, Section 16429.1 to 16429.4:

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/calawquery?code=section=gov&codebody>

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

Approval of this item will result in no impact on safety.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funds required to update the Investment Policy are included in the FY17 budget in cost center 5210 and project number 610340.

Impact to Budget

The sources of funds budgeted to manage assets in accordance with the Investment Policy are Proposition A, Proposition C, Measure R and TDA admin funds. These funds are not eligible for bus and rail operating and capital expenses. The FY18 budget will add the revenues from Measure M as a source of funds.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Investment Policy and the Code require an annual review and adoption of the Investment Policy, the delegation of investment authority and the annual approval of the Financial Institutions Resolution. Should the Board elect not to delegate the investment authority annually or approve the Financial Institutions Resolution, the Board would assume daily responsibility for the investment of working capital funds and for the approval of routine administrative actions.

NEXT STEPS

Upon Board approval, distribute the Investment Policy to external investment managers and broker-dealers. Issue copies of the Investment Policy and Financial Institutions Resolution to our financial institutions.

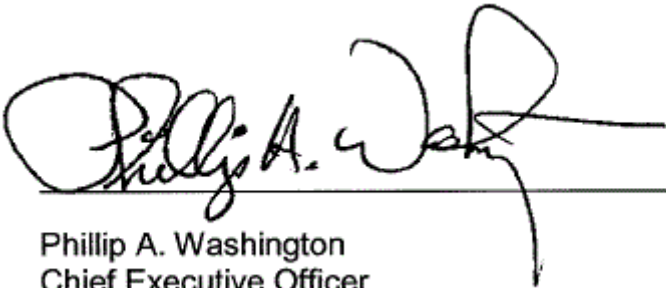
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Investment Policy

Attachment B - Financial Institutions Resolution

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Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

INVESTMENT POLICY

Approved on January 19820, 20176

INVESTMENT POLICY

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1.0 Policy

It is the policy of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) to ensure that the temporarily idle funds of the agency are prudently invested to preserve capital and provide necessary liquidity, while maximizing earnings, and conforming to state and local statutes governing the investment of public funds.

This investment policy conforms to the California Government Code ("Code") as well as to customary standards of prudent investment management. Investments may only be made as authorized by the Code, Section 53600 et seq., Sections 16429.1 through 16429.4 and this investment policy. Should the provisions of the Code become more restrictive than those contained herein, such provisions will be considered as immediately incorporated in this investment policy. Changes to the Code that are less restrictive than this investment policy may be adopted by the Board of Directors (Board).

2.0 Scope

- 2.1 This investment policy sets forth the guidelines for the investment of surplus General, Special Revenue, Capital Projects, Enterprise (excluding cash and investments with fiscal agents), Internal Service, and any new fund created by the Board, unless specifically exempted. Excluded from this investment policy are guidelines for the investment of proceeds related to debt financing, defeased lease transactions, Agency (Deferred Compensation, 401K, and Benefit Assessment District) and Pension Trust Funds.
- 2.2 Internal and external portfolio managers may be governed by Portfolio Guidelines that may on an individual basis differ from the total fund guidelines outlined herein. The Treasurer is responsible for monitoring and ensuring that the total funds subject to this investment policy remain in compliance with this investment policy, and shall report to the Board regularly on compliance.

3.0 Investment Objectives

- 3.1 The primary objectives, in priority order, of investment activities shall be:
 - A. Safety: Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. The investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. The LACMTA shall seek to ensure that capital losses are avoided whether from institutional default, broker-dealer default, or erosion of market value. Diversification is required in order that potential losses on individual securities do not exceed the income generated from the remainder of the portfolio.
 - B. Liquidity: The investment portfolio will remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements that might be reasonably anticipated.
 - C. Return on Investments: The LACMTA shall manage its funds to maximize the return on investments consistent with the two objectives above, with the goal of exceeding the performance benchmarks (Section 12.0) over a market cycle (typically a three to five year period).
- 3.2 It is policy to hold investments to maturity. However, a security may be sold prior to its maturity and a capital gain or loss recorded if liquidity needs arise, or in order to improve the quality, or rate of return of the portfolio in response to market conditions and/or LACMTA risk preferences.

Internal and external investment managers shall report such losses to the Treasurer and Executive Director, Finance and Budget quarterly.

- 3.3 Investments shall be made with the judgment, skill, and diligence of a prudent investor acting in like capacity under circumstances then prevailing, for the sole benefit of the LACMTA, and shall take into account the benefits of diversification in order to protect the investment from the risk of substantial loss.
- 3.4 The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the "prudent investor" standard and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio. Investment officers acting in accordance with this investment policy, written portfolio guidelines and procedures and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in the quarterly investment report to the Board, and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

4.0 Delegation of Authority

- 4.1 The Board shall be the trustee of funds received by the LACMTA. In accordance with Code Section 53607, the Board hereby delegates the authority to invest or reinvest the funds, to sell or exchange securities so purchased and to deposit securities for safekeeping to the Treasurer for a one year period, who thereafter assumes full responsibility for such transactions and shall make a monthly report of those transactions to the Board. Subject to review by the Board, the Board may renew the delegation of authority each year.
- 4.2 The Treasurer shall establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with this investment policy, including establishment of appropriate written agreements with financial institutions. Such procedures shall include explicit delegation of authority to persons responsible for investment transactions. The Treasurer may engage independent investment managers to assist in the investment of its financial assets.
- 4.3 No person may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this investment policy and the procedures established by the Treasurer.
- 4.4 Officers and employees involved in the investment process shall be governed by the standards regarding ethical behavior and conflicts of interest established in the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Ethics Policy and annually shall file a Statement of Economic Disclosure with the Ethics Office.

5.0 Permitted Investments

- 5.1 All funds which are not required for immediate cash expenditures shall be invested in income producing investments or accounts, in conformance with the provisions and restrictions of this investment policy as defined in Section 5.1A and as specifically authorized by the Code, (Sections 53600, et seq.).
- 5.2 In order to reduce overall portfolio risk, investments shall be diversified among security type, maturity, issuer and depository institutions. See Section 5.1A for specific concentration limits by type of investment.
 - A. Percentage limitations where listed are only applicable at the date of purchase.
 - B. In calculating per issuer concentration limits commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, medium term notes, asset-backed securities, placement service assisted deposits, and negotiable

certificates of deposit shall be included; deposits collateralized per Section 7.3 of this investment policy are excluded from this calculation.

- C. Credit requirements listed in this investment policy indicate the minimum credit rating (or its equivalent by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization) required at the time of purchase without regard to modifiers (e.g., +/- or 1,2,3), if any.

5.3 Maturities of individual investments shall be diversified to meet the following objectives:

- A. Investment maturities will be first and foremost determined by anticipated cash flow requirements.
- B. Where this investment policy does not state a maximum maturity in Section 5.1A, no investment instrument shall be purchased which has a stated maturity of more than five years from the date of purchase, unless the instrument is specifically approved by the Board or is approved by the Board as part of an investment program and such approval must be granted no less than three months prior to the investment. The Board hereby grants express authority for the purchase of new issue securities with a 5 year stated maturity with extended settlement of up to 30 days from date of purchase.
- C. The average duration of the externally managed funds subject to this investment policy shall not exceed 150% of the benchmark duration. The weighted average duration of the internal portfolios shall not exceed three (3) years.

5.4 State and local government sponsored Investment Pools and money market mutual funds as authorized by this investment policy are subject to due diligence review prior to investing and on a continual basis as established in Section 5.1A, #11 and #12.

5.5 This investment policy specifically prohibits the investment of any funds subject to this investment policy in the following securities:

- A. Derivative securities, defined as any security that derives its value from an underlying instrument, index, or formula, are prohibited. The derivative universe includes, but is not limited to, structured and range notes, securities that could result in zero interest accrual if held to maturity, variable rate, floating rate or inverse floating rate investments, financial futures and options, and mortgage derived interest or principal only strips. Callable or putable securities with no other option features, securities with one interest rate step-up feature, and inflation indexed securities meeting all other requirements of this investment policy are excluded from this prohibition, as are fixed rate mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities.
- B. Reverse repurchase agreements and securities lending agreements.

6.0 Selection of Depository Institutions, Investment Managers and Broker-Dealers

6.1 To minimize the risk to the overall cash and investment portfolio, prudence and due diligence as outlined below shall be exercised with respect to the selection of Financial Institutions in which funds are deposited or invested. The LACMTA's Financial Advisor (FA) will conduct competitive processes to recommend providers of financial services including commercial banking, investment management, investment measurement and custody services.

- A. In selecting Depositories pursuant to Code Sections 53630 (et seq.), the credit worthiness, financial stability, and financial history of the institution, as well as the cost and scope of services and interest rates offered shall be considered. No funds will be deposited in an institution unless that institution has an overall rating of not less than "satisfactory" in its most recent evaluation by the appropriate federal financial supervisory agency. The main depository institutions will be selected on a periodic and timely basis.
- B. Deposits which are insured pursuant to federal law by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), or the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) may be excluded from the collateralization requirements of Section 7.3 of this investment policy, at the Treasurer's discretion. A written waiver of securitization shall be executed, provided to the Depository Institution, and kept on file in the Treasury Department.
- C. The Treasurer shall seek opportunities to deposit funds with disadvantaged business enterprises, provided that those institutions have met the requirements for safety and reliability and provide terms that are competitive with other institutions.

6.2 In selecting external investment managers and brokers, past performance, stability, financial strength, reputation, area of expertise, and willingness and ability to provide the highest investment return at the lowest cost within the parameters of this investment policy and the Code shall be considered. External investment managers must be registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the Investment Advisor Act of 1940.

6.3 Pursuant to Code Section 53601.5, the LACMTA and its investment managers shall only purchase statutorily authorized investments either from the issuer, from a broker-dealer licensed by the state, as defined in Section 25004 of the Corporations Code, from a member of a federally regulated securities exchange, a national or state-chartered bank, a federal or state association (as defined by Section 5102 of the Financial Code), or from a brokerage firm designated as a primary government dealer by the Federal Reserve Bank.

- A. Internal investment manager will only purchase or sell securities from broker-dealers that are Primary Dealers in U.S. Government Securities or are a direct affiliate of a Primary Dealer. Internal investment manager will only purchase securities from broker-dealers who have returned a signed Receipt of Investment Policy and completed the Broker-Dealer Questionnaire, and have been approved by the Treasurer (see Appendices B and C). A current copy of the Broker-Dealer's financial statements will be kept on file in the Treasury Department. Should market conditions limit access to inventory, the Treasurer may approve executing transactions through non-Primary Dealers who meet all of the criteria listed below:
 - a. The broker dealer must qualify under Securities Exchange Commission rule 15C3-1 (Uniform Net Capital Rule);
 - b. Must be licensed by the state as a broker/dealer as defined in Section 25004 of the Corporations Code or a member of a federally registered securities exchange (i.e. FINRA, SEC, MSRB);
 - c. Have been in operation for more than five years; and
 - d. Have a minimum annual trading volume of \$100 billion in money market instruments or \$500 billion in U.S. Treasuries and Agencies.

- B. In addition to Primary Dealers in U.S. Government Securities and direct affiliates of a Primary Dealer, external investment managers may purchase or sell securities from non-Primary Dealers qualified under U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15C3-1, the Uniform Net Capital Rule, and provided that the dealer is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. External investment managers shall submit, at least quarterly, a list of the non-Primary Dealers used during the period.
- C. External investment managers must certify in writing that they will purchase securities in compliance with this investment policy, LACMTA Procedures, and applicable State and Federal laws.

6.4 Financial institutions and external investment managers conducting investment transactions with or for LACMTA shall sign a Certification of Understanding. The Certification of Understanding (see Appendix A) states that the entity:

- A. Has read and is familiar with the Investment Policy and Guidelines as well as applicable Federal and State Law;
- B. Meets the requirements as outlined in this investment policy;
- C. Agrees to make every reasonable effort to protect the assets from loss;
- D. Agrees to notify the LACMTA in writing of any potential conflicts of interest.

Completed certifications shall be filed in the Treasurer's Office. Failure to submit a Certification of Understanding shall result in the withdrawal of all funds held by that financial institution, or investment manager and/or the rescission of any and all authority to act as an agent to purchase or invest funds.

6.5 All broker-dealers who do business with the LACMTA's internal investment managers shall sign a Receipt of Investment Policy. The Receipt of Investment Policy (see Appendix B) states that the broker dealer:

- A. Has received, read, and understands this investment policy;
- B. Has communicated the requirements of this investment policy to all personnel who may select investment opportunities for presentation.

Failure to submit a Receipt of Investment Policy shall preclude the LACMTA from purchasing or selling securities from such broker-dealer. Completed receipts shall be filed in the Treasurer's Office.

7.0 Custody and Safekeeping of Securities and LACMTA Funds

7.1 A Master Repurchase Agreement must be signed with the bank or dealer before any securities and collateral for repurchase agreements shall be purchased and maintained for the benefit of the LACMTA in the Trust Department or safekeeping department of a bank as established by a written third party safekeeping agreement between the LACMTA and the bank. Specific collateralization levels are defined in Section 5.1A.

- 7.2 All investment transactions shall be settled "delivery vs. payment", with the exception of deposits, money market mutual fund investments, and Local Agency Investment Fund or other Local Government Investment Pools. Delivery may be physical, via a nationally recognized securities depository such as the Depository Trust Company, or through the Federal Reserve Book Entry system.
- 7.3 Funds deposited shall be secured by a Depository in compliance with the requirements of Code Section 53652. Such collateralization shall be designated and agreed to in writing.

8.0 Reports and Communications

- 8.1 The Treasurer is responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable Local, State, and Federal laws governing the reporting of investments made with public funds. All investment portfolios will be monitored for compliance. Non-compliance issues will be included in the quarterly Board report as stated in Section 8.3 of this investment policy.
- 8.2 The Treasurer shall annually submit a statement of investment policy to the Board for approval. The existing approved investment policy will remain in effect until the Board approves the recommended statement of investment policy.
- 8.3 The Treasurer shall render a quarterly cash, investment, and transaction report to the CEO and Board, and quarterly to the Internal Auditor within 30 days following the end of the quarter covered by the report. The report shall include a description of LACMTA's funds, investments, or programs that are under the management of contracted parties, including lending programs. The report shall include as a minimum:
- A. Portfolio Holdings by Type of Investment and Issuer
 - B. Maturity Schedule and Weighted Average Maturity (at market)
 - C. Weighted Average Yield to Maturity
 - D. Return on Investments versus Performance Benchmarks on a quarterly basis
 - E. Par, Book and Market Value of Portfolio for current and prior quarter-end
 - F. Percentage of the portfolio represented by each investment category
 - G. Total Interest Earned
 - H. Total Interest Received
 - I. A statement of compliance with this investment policy, or notations of non-compliance.
 - J. At each calendar quarter-end a subsidiary ledger of investments will be submitted with the exception listed in 8.3K.
 - K. For investments that have been placed in the Local Agency Investment Fund, in Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation-insured accounts in a bank or savings and loan association, in National Credit Union Administration insured accounts in a credit union, in a county investment pool, or in shares of beneficial interest issued by a diversified management company that invest in the securities and obligations as authorized by this investment policy and the Code, the most recent

statement received from these institutions may be used in lieu of the information required in 8.3 J.

L. At each calendar quarter-end the report shall include a statement of the ability to meet expenditure requirements for the next six months.

M. A quarterly gain or loss report on the sale or disposition of securities in the portfolio.

8.4 Internal and external investment managers shall monitor investments and market conditions and report on a regular and timely basis to the Treasurer.

A. Internal and external investment managers shall submit monthly reports to the Treasurer, such reports to include all of the information referenced in Section 8.3, items A-J of this investment policy. Portfolios shall be marked-to-market monthly and the comparison between historical cost (or book value) and market value shall be reported as part of this monthly report.

B. Internal and external investment managers shall monitor the ratings of all investments in their portfolios on a continuous basis and report all credit downgrades of portfolio securities to the Treasurer in writing within 24 hours of the event. If an existing investment's rating drops below the minimum allowed for new investments made pursuant to this investment policy, the investment manager shall also make a written recommendation to the Treasurer as to whether this security should be held or sold.

C. External and internal investment managers shall immediately inform the Treasurer, or the Executive Director, Finance and Budget in writing of any major adverse market condition changes and/or major portfolio changes. The Executive Director, Finance and Budget shall immediately inform the Board in writing of any such changes.

D. External investment managers shall notify the LACMTA internal managers daily of all trades promptly, via fax or via email.

E. Internal investment managers will maintain a file of all trades.

9.0 Portfolio Guidelines

Portfolio Guidelines are the operating procedures used to implement this investment policy approved by the Board. The Treasurer may impose additional requirements or constraints within the parameters set by this investment policy.

10.0 Internal Control

10.1 The Treasurer shall establish a system of internal controls designed to prevent losses of public funds arising from fraud, employee or third party error, misrepresentation of third parties, unanticipated changes in financial markets, or imprudent actions by employees or agents. Such internal controls shall be approved by the Executive Director, Finance and Budget and shall include authorizations and procedures for investment transactions, custody/safekeeping transactions, opening and dosing accounts, wire transfers, and clearly delineate reporting responsibilities.

10.2 Treasury personnel and LACMTA officials with signature authority shall be bonded to protect against possible embezzlement and malfeasance, or at the option of the governing board self-insured.

- 10.3 Electronic transfer of funds shall be executed upon the authorization of two official signatories.
- 10.4 Transaction authority shall be separated from accounting and record keeping responsibilities.
- 10.5 All investment accounts shall be reconciled monthly with custodian reports and broker confirmations by a party that is independent of the investment management function. Discrepancies shall be brought to the attention of the investment manager, the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, the Controller, and if not resolved promptly, to the Executive Director, Finance and Budget.
- 10.6 The Treasurer shall establish an annual process of independent review by an external auditor. This review will provide independent confirmation of compliance with policies and procedures.
- 10.7 The Treasurer is responsible for the preparation of the cash flow model. The cash flow model shall be updated monthly based upon the actual and projected cash flow.

Annually, the Treasurer shall notify the external investment managers of the cash flow requirements for the next twelve months. The Treasurer shall monitor actual to maximum maturities within the parameters of this investment policy.

- 10.8 The Treasurer shall annually submit the Financial Institutions Resolution to the Board for approval. The existing resolution will remain in effect until the Board approves the recommended resolution.

11.0 Purchasing Guidelines

- 11.1 Investment managers shall purchase and sell securities at the price and execution that is most beneficial to the LACMTA. The liquidity requirements shall be analyzed and an interest rate analysis shall be conducted to determine the optimal investment maturities prior to requesting bids or offers. Investments shall be purchased and sold through a competitive bid/offer process. Bids/offers for securities of comparable maturity, credit and liquidity shall be received from at least three financial institutions, if possible.
- 11.2 Such competitive bids/offers shall be documented on the investment managers' trade documentation. Supporting documentation from the Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg or other financial information system shall be filed with the trade documentation as evidence of general market prices when the purchase or sale was effected.

12.0 Benchmarks

Internal and external investment managers' performance shall be evaluated against the following agreed upon benchmarks. If the investment manager does not meet its benchmark over a market cycle (3 to 5 years), the Treasurer shall determine and set forth in writing reasons why it is in the best interests of the LACMTA to replace or retain the investment manager.

Portfolio
Intermediate Duration Portfolios

Investment Benchmarks
Bank of America/Merrill Lynch AAA-A 1-5
year Government & Corporate Index (BV10)

Short Duration Portfolios

Three month Treasury

**Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Section 5.1A**

Statement of Investment Policy ^a

* The percentage of portfolio authorized is based on market value.

Investment Type	Maximum Maturity	Maximum Allowable Percentage of Portfolio *	Minimum Quality and Other Requirements
Bonds Issued by the LACMTA	5 years ^b	100%	None
U.S. Treasury notes, bonds, bills or certificates of indebtedness or those for which the full faith and credit of the United States are pledged for payment of principal and interest	5 years ^b	100%	None
Registered state warrants or treasury notes or bonds of the other 49 states in addition to California.	5 years ^b	25%	Such obligations must be rated “A1” or better short term; or “AA” or better long term, by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization
Bonds, notes, warrants, or other evidences of indebtedness of any local agency within the State of California	5 years ^b	25%	Such obligations must be rated “A1” or better short term; or “AA” or better long term, by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization
Federal Agency or United States government-sponsored enterprise obligations, participations, or other instruments, including those issued by or fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by federal agencies or United States government –sponsored enterprises	5 years ^b	50% ^d	See Footnote d
Bills of exchanges or time drafts drawn on and accepted by a commercial bank, otherwise known as bankers’ acceptances	180 days	40% ^c	The issuer’s short-term debt must have the highest letter and numerical rating as provided for by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization
Commercial paper or “prime” quality of the highest ranking or of the highest letter and numerical rating as provided for by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization	270 days	25% ^c	See Footnote e
Negotiable certificates of deposits issued by a nationally or state-chartered bank or a state or federal savings and loan association, a state or federal credit union, or by a state licensed branch of a foreign bank, or a federally licensed branch of a foreign bank.	5 years ^b	30% ^c	See Footnote f

Placement Service Assisted Deposits	5 years b	30% c	See Footnote g
Investments in repurchase agreements	90 days	20%	Limited to no more than 90 days. See Footnote h
United States dollar denominated senior unsecured unsubordinated obligations issued or unconditionally guaranteed by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Finance Corporation or Inter-American Development Bank.	5 years b	30% c	Maximum remaining maturity of five years or less, and eligible for purchase and sale within the United States. Investments shall be rated “AA” or better by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization and shall not exceed 30% of the portfolio.
Medium-term notes issued by corporations organized and operating within the United States, or by depository institutions licensed by the United States or any state and operating within the United States	5 years b	30% c	Must be rated “A” or better by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. If rated by more than one rating agency, both ratings must meet the minimum credit standards.
Shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies that are money market funds registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as authorized by Code Section 53601	Not applicable	20% c	See Footnote i
State of California Local Agency Investment fund (LAIF) Code Section 16429.1 through 16429.4 or other Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) established by public California entities pursuant to Section 53684	Not applicable	Set by LAIF and LGIP	See Footnote j
Asset-backed Securities	5 years b	15% combined with mortgage-backed securities	See Footnote k
Mortgage-backed Securities	5 years b	15% combined with asset-backed securities	See Footnote l

**Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Statement of Investment Policy**

Footnotes for Section 5.1A Statement of Investment Policy	
a	Sources: California Government Code Sections 16429.1, 53601, 53601.8, 53635 and 53638
b	Maximum maturity of five (5) years unless a longer maturity is approved by Board of Directors, either specifically or as part of an investment program, at least three (3) months prior to the purchase. New issue securities with a stated 5 year maturity can be purchased in the primary market with extended settlements of up to 30 days from the date of purchase.
c	Limited to no more than 10% of the portfolio in any one issue (i.e. bankers' acceptances, commercial paper, negotiable certificates of deposit, medium-term notes, and money market funds)
d	No more than 15% of portfolio in any one Federal Agency or government-sponsored issue
e	Eligible paper is further limited to 10% of the outstanding paper of an issuing corporation, the issuing corporation must be organized and operating within the United States and having total assets in excess of \$500,000,000 and have an "A" or higher rating for the issuer's debentures, other than commercial paper, if any, as provided for by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Issuing corporations that are organized and operating within the United States and have total assets in excess of \$500 million dollars and having an "A" or higher rating for the issuer's debentures, other than commercial paper, if any, as provided by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization
f	The legislative body of the local agency, the treasurer or other official of the local agency having custody of the money are prohibited from investing in negotiable certificates of deposit of a state or federal credit union if a member of the legislative body or any other specified city officer or employee also serves on the board of directors or certain committees of that credit union
g	Investments in placement services assisted deposits is authorized under Sections 53601.8, 53635.8, and 53601 (i) of the California Government Code.
h	Repurchase agreements shall be executed through Primary Broker-Dealers. The repurchase agreement must be covered by a master repurchase agreement. Repurchase agreements shall be collateralized at all times. Collateral shall be limited to obligations of the United States and Federal Agencies with an initial margin of at least 102% of the value of the investment, and shall be in compliance if brought back up to 102% no later than the next business day. Collateral shall be delivered to a third party custodian in all cases. Collateral for term repurchase agreements shall be valued daily by the LACMTA's investment manager (for internal funds) or external investment manager. Investments in repurchase agreements shall be in compliance if the value of the underlying securities is brought back up to 102% no later than the next business day. The LACMTA shall obtain a first lien and security interest in all collateral
i	Companies must have either 1) the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating provided by not less than two of the nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, or (2) retained an investment advisor registered or exempt with the Securities and-Exchange Commission, with no less than five years experience investing in the securities and obligations authorized by California Government Code §53601 a-k inclusive and m-o inclusive and with assets under management in excess of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000). The purchase price may not include any commissions charged by these companies

j	<p>Maximum investment per individual pool limited to the amount for LAIF as set by the State Treasurer's Office. Limit does not include funds required by law, ordinance, or statute to be invested in pool. Each pool must be evaluated and approved by the Treasurer, as to credit worthiness, security, and conformity to state and local laws. An evaluation should cover, but is not limited to establishing, a description of who may invest in the program, how often, what size deposit and withdrawal; the pool's eligible investment securities, obtaining a written statement of investment policy and objectives, a description of interest calculations and how it is distributed; how gains and losses are treated; a description of how the securities are safeguarded and how often the securities are priced and the program audited. A schedule for receiving statements and portfolio listings. A fee schedule, when and how fees are assessed</p>
k	<p>Limited to senior class securities with stated maturities of no more than 5 years. Further limited to securities rated in a rating category of "AAA", and issued by an issuer having an "A" or higher rating for the issuer's debt as provided for by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Further limited to fixed rate, publicly offered, generic credit card, automobile receivables, and equipment automobile receivables only. Deal size must be at least \$250 million, and tranche size must be at least \$25 million</p>
l	<p>Pass-Through securities: Limited to Government Agency or Government Sponsored issuers, fixed rate, stated maturity no more than 5 years. CMOS: Limited to Government Agency or Government Sponsored Issuers "AAA" rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Planned Amortization Classes (PAC) only. The following are prohibited: ARMS, floaters, interest or principal (IOs, POs), Targeted Amortization Classes, companion, subordinated, collateral classes, or zero accrual structures</p>

APPENDIX A

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

CERTIFICATION OF UNDERSTANDING

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) Investment Policy as approved by the Board of Directors requires that all Financial Institutions and Investment Managers' conducting investment transactions with or for LACMTA sign a Certification of Understanding acknowledging that:

1. *You have read and are familiar with the LACMTA's Investment Policy as well as applicable Federal and State laws.*
2. *You meet the requirements as outlined in Investment Policy.*
3. *You agree to make every reasonable effort to protect the assets from loss.*
4. *You agree to notify the LACMTA in writing of any potential conflicts of interest.*
5. *You agree to notify the LACMTA in writing of any changes in personnel with decision-making authority over funds within 24 hours of such event.*

Failure to submit a Certification of Understanding shall result in the withdrawal of all funds held by the financial institution or investment manager and the immediate revocation of any rights to act as an agent of the LACMTA for the purchase of securities or investment of funds on behalf of LACMTA.

The Board of Directors is committed to the goals of the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). As part of the certification process for depository institutions, it is requested that you remit evidence of your most recent CRA rating.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

Print Name and Title _____

After reading and signing this Certification of Understanding please return with *any* supporting documentation to:

LACMTA
Treasury Department
Attention: Treasurer
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2932

LACMTA use only:

Approved: _____ Disapproved: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

LACMTA Treasurer

APPENDIX B

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

BROKER-DEALER RECEIPT OF INVESTMENT POLICY

We are in receipt of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) Investment Policy.

We have read the policy and understand the provisions and guidelines of the policy. All salespersons covering LACMTA's account will be made aware of this policy and will be directed to give consideration to its provisions and constraints in selecting investment opportunities to present to LACMTA.

Signed _____
Name Name

Title Title

Firm Name

Date Date

After reading and signing this Receipt of Investment Policy, please return with supporting documentation to:

LACMTA
Treasury Department
Attention: Treasurer
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2932

LACMTA use only:

Approved: _____ Disapproved: _____ Date: _____
Signature: _____
LACMTA Treasurer

APPENDIX C

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

BROKER/DEALER QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name of Firm_____

2. Address_____

(Local) (National Headquarters)

3. Telephone No. () _____ Telephone No. () _____

(Local) (National Headquarters)

4. Primary Representative	Manager/Partner-in-Charge
Name_____	Name_____
Title_____	Title_____
Telephone No._____	Telephone No._____
No. of Yrs. in Institutional Sales_____	No. of Yrs. in Institutional Sales_____
Number of Years with Firm_____	Number of Years with Firm_____

5. Are you a Primary Dealer in U.S. Government Securities? .

☐ YES ☐ NO

If NO, Is the parent company or its subsidiary a Primary Dealer in U.S. Government Securities? Provide proof of certification.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Please explain your firm's relationship to the Primary Dealer below:

Please provide proof certification from the National Association of Securities Dealer.

6. Are you a Broker instead of Dealer, i.e., you DO NOT own positions of Securities?

☐ YES ☐ NO

7. What is the net capitalization of your Firm? _____

8. What is the date of your Firm's fiscal year-end? _____

9. Is your Firm owned by a Holding Company? If so, what is its name and net capitalization?

10. Please provide your Wiring and Delivery Instructions.

11. Which of the following instruments are offered regularly by your local desk?

☐ T-Bills ☐ Treasury Notes/Bonds ☐ Discount Notes ☐ NCD's
☐ Agencies (specify) _____
☐ BA's (Domestic) ☐ BA's (Foreign) ☐ Commercial Paper
☐ Med-Term Notes ☐ Repurchase Agreements

12. Does your Firm specialize in any of the instruments listed above?

13. Please identify your comparable government agency clients in the LACMTA's geographical area.

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Telephone No.</u>	<u>Client Since</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

14. What reports, confirmations, and other documentation would LACMTA receive? Please include samples of research reports or market information that your firm regularly provides to government agency clients.

15. What precautions are taken by your Firm to protect the interests of the public when dealing with government agencies as investors?

16. Have you or your Firm been censored, sanctioned or disciplined by a Regulatory State or Federal Agency for improper or fraudulent activities, related to the sale of securities within the past five years? ☐ YES ☐ NO

17. If yes, please explain

18. Please provide your most recent audited financial statements within 120 days of your fiscal year-end.

19. Please indicate the current licenses of the LACMTA representatives:

Agent: _____ License or registration: _____

APPENDIX D

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

INVESTMENT POLICY GLOSSARY

ASKED: The price at which securities are offered from a seller.

BANKERS' ACCEPTANCE (BA): Time drafts which a bank "accepts" as its financial responsibility as part of a trade finance process. These short-term notes are sold at a discount, and are obligations of the drawer (or issuer - the bank's trade finance client) as well as the bank. Once accepted, the bank is irrevocably obligated to pay the BA upon maturity if the drawer does not.

BID: The price offered by a buyer of securities.

BOOK VALUE: The original cost of the investment, plus accrued interest and amortization of any premium or discount.

BROKER: A broker brings buyers and sellers together for a commission.

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT (CD): A time deposit with a specific maturity evidenced by a certificate. Large-denomination CD's are typically negotiable (marketable or transferable).

COLLATERAL: Securities, evidence of deposit, or other property which a borrower pledges to secure repayment of a loan. Also refers to securities pledged by a bank to secure deposits of public moneys.

COMMERCIAL PAPER (CP): Unsecured promissory notes issued by companies and government entities at a discount. Commercial paper is negotiable, although it is typically held to maturity. The maximum maturity is 270 days, with most CP issued for terms of less than 30 days.

CUSTODY or SAFEKEEPING: A service to customers rendered by banks for a fee whereby securities and valuables of all types and descriptions are held in the bank's vaults for protection.

DEALER: A dealer, as opposed to a broker, acts as a principal in all transactions, buying and selling for his own account.

DELIVERY VERSUS PAYMENT: Delivery of securities with a simultaneous exchange of money for the securities.

FEDERAL AGENCIES AND U.S. GOVERNMENT SPONSORED ENTERPRISES (AGENCIES): U.S. Government related organizations, the largest of which are government financial intermediaries assisting specific credit markets (housing, agriculture). They include:

- ◆ Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLB)
- ◆ Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC or "Freddie Mac")
- ◆ Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA or "Fannie Mae")
- ◆ Federal Farm Credit Banks (FFCB)
- ◆ Student Loan Marketing Association (SLMA or "Sallie Mae")

◆ Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

MARKET VALUE: The price at which a security is trading and could presumably be purchased or sold.

MASTER REPURCHASE AGREEMENT: A written contract covering all future transactions between the parties to repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements that establish each party's rights in the transactions. A master agreement will specify, among other things, the right of the buyer-lender to liquidate the underlying securities in the event of default by the seller-borrower.

MATURITY: The date upon which the principal or stated value of an investment becomes due and payable.

MEDIUM TERM NOTES (MTN): Interest bearing, continuously offered debt, issued in the 9 month to ten year maturity range. Deposit notes, like Certificates of Deposit, actually represent an interest bearing deposit at a bank or other depository institution.

OFFER: The price asked by a seller of securities.

PAR VALUE: The face value, or principal amount payable at maturity.

PRIMARY DEALER: A group of government securities dealers who submit daily reports of market activity and positions and monthly financial statements to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and are subject to its informal oversight.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENT (RP OR REPO): A purchase of securities under a simultaneous agreement to sell these securities back at a fixed price on some future date. This is in essence a collateralized investment, whereby the security "buyer" in effect lends the "seller" money for the period of the agreement, and the difference between the purchase price and sale price determining the earnings. Dealers use RP extensively to finance their positions.

SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC): An agency created by Congress to protect investors in securities transactions by administering securities legislation.

TREASURY BILLS: A non-interest bearing discount security issued by the U.S. Treasury to finance the national debt. Most bills are issued to mature in three months, six months, or one year.

TREASURY NOTES AND BONDS: Long-term U.S. Treasury securities having initial maturities of 2 to 30 years.

YIELD: The rate of annual income return on an investment, expressed as a percentage.

YIELD TO MATURITY (YTM): The rate of return earned on an investment considering all cash flows and timing factors: interest earnings, discounts, and premiums above par.

ATTACHMENT B
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that any financial institutions, including all banks and their correspondent banks doing business with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA), are hereby authorized, requested and directed to honor all checks, drafts, wires, or other orders for payment of money drawn in the LACMTA's name on its account(s) (including those drawn on the individual order of any person or persons whose names appear thereon as a signer or signers thereof) when bearing the original and/or facsimile signature of the Chair; Chief Executive Officer; Deputy Chief Executive Officer; Chief Financial Officer; Executive Director, Finance and Budget; Treasurer; or Assistant Treasurer (collectively, LACMTA Officials). LACMTA Officials are the only representatives empowered to open, close or authorize changes to accounts on behalf of LACMTA. LACMTA Officials may designate individuals as Official Signatories for financial accounts. The duties of Official Signatories shall be limited to check signing, wire or fund transfers, balance reporting and/or monitoring of bank processes.

And, those financial institutions, including correspondent banks, currently doing business with LACMTA shall be entitled to honor and charge LACMTA for all such checks, drafts, wires, or other orders for the payment of money, regardless of by whom or by what means when the actual or facsimile signature or signatures resemble the specimens filed with those financial institutions by the Secretary or other officer of LACMTA.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting as Secretary of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, certifies that the foregoing is a true Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority held on _____.

Dated: _____

Michele Jackson
Board Secretary

(SEAL)



Board Report

File #: 2016-0935, **File Type:** Motion / Motion Response

Agenda Number: 10

FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE JANUARY 18, 2017

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION OF MEASURE M SALES AND USE TAX

**ACTION: APPROVE RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS WITH THE STATE BOARD OF
EQUALIZATION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEASURE M SALES AND USE TAX**

RECOMMENDATION

CONSIDER:

- A. ADOPTING the **Resolution authorizing LACMTA Officials to execute and sign an agreement with the State Board of Equalization for implementation of Measure M**, Attachment A;
- B. APPROVING agreement to set-up systems to administer and operate Measure M, Attachment B, at a one-time cost up to \$175,000; the funds are included in the FY17 budget;
- C. APPROVING agreement to provide on-going administration and operation of Measure M, Attachment C;
- D. ADOPTING the Resolution authorizing examination of Measure M sales tax records by Metro and audit consultant staff, Attachment D; and
- E. AUTHORIZING the CEO or his designee to take all actions necessary to achieve the foregoing.

The attachments are in substantially final form.

ISSUE

On November 8, 2016, Los Angeles County voters approved Measure M, officially titled Los Angeles County Transportation Improvement Plan. The State Board of Equalization ("SBOE") requires the approval of resolutions and execution of certain agreements in order for them to set up their systems and collect the Measure M sales tax beginning on July 1, 2017.

The preparation agreement, Attachment B, requires that Metro reimburse SBOE one time up to \$175,000 for its costs of developing procedures, programming for data processing, developing and adopting appropriate regulations, designing and printing forms, developing instructions for SBOE

staff and for taxpayers and other appropriate and necessary preparatory costs to administer the Measure M ordinance.

DISCUSSION

We are required by the California Revenue & Taxation Code and the Measure M Ordinance to contract with the SBOE to administer and collect the Measure M sales and use taxes for Metro. The attached resolutions and agreements, Attachments A, B, and C authorize Metro and SBOE to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of the Measure M Ordinance.

In order to recover transaction and use taxes incorrectly allocated to other jurisdictions, LACMTA must examine Los Angeles County businesses' quarterly sales tax reports and file claims with the State Board of Equalization (SBOE) when errors are noted. MuniServices is the firm hired by Metro to audit transaction and use tax receipts and we must give them authorization to examine Measure M tax records, Attachment D. MuniServices is only paid a percentage (currently 11%) of monies recovered by their audits.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

Approval of this item will result in no impact on safety.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The one time costs of the preparation agreement, up to \$175,000 is included in the FY17 budget and will be paid from Measure R Administration funds. In accordance with Measure M and SBOE procedures, the SBOE's ongoing administration costs (approximately 1.1% of gross receipts) will be deducted from the sales tax proceeds before they are remitted to Metro.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

We are required by the California Revenue & Taxation Code and the Measure M Ordinance to contract with the SBOE to administer and collect the Measure M sales and use taxes for Metro.

NEXT STEPS

Execute the agreements with the SBOE.

..Attachments

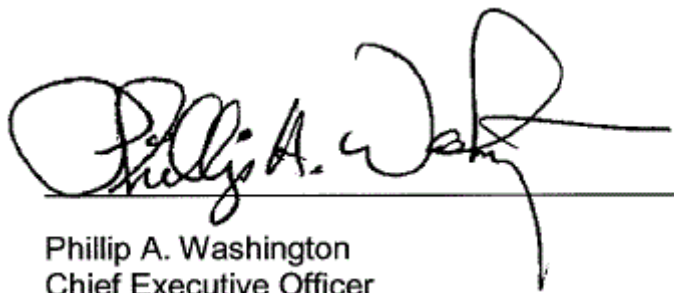
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute the agreements with the SBOE

Attachment B - Agreement for preparation to administer and operate Measure M Attachment C - Agreement for the administration of Measure M

Attachment D - Resolution authorizing the examination of Measure M tax records

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Donna R. Mills, Treasurer, (213) 922-4047
Reviewed by: Nalini Ahuja, Chief Financial Officer, (213) 922 3088



Phillip A. Washington
Chief Executive Officer

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING ITS OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN
AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION
OF A LOCAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX.**

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2016, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (hereinafter called “District”) approved Ordinance No. 16-01 providing for a local transactions and use tax; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Equalization (Board) administers and collects the transactions and use taxes for all applicable jurisdictions within the state; and

WHEREAS, the Board will be responsible to administer and collect the transactions and use tax for the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board requires that the District enter into a “Preparatory Agreement” and an “Administration Agreement” prior to implementation of said taxes, and

WHEREAS, the Board requires that District authorize the agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority that the attached “Preparatory Agreement” and “Administrative Agreement” are hereby approved and any District Official listed below is hereby authorized to execute each agreement:

Chief Executive Officer	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Chief Financial Officer	Treasurer Assistant Treasurer.

* * * * *

The foregoing resolution was introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority held on January 26, 2017, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

DATED: _____

ATTEST: (s) _____ Chair (s) _____ Board Secretary

ATTACHMENT B

**AGREEMENT FOR PREPARATION TO ADMINISTER AND OPERATE
DISTRICT'S TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX ORDINANCE**

In order to prepare to administer a transactions and use tax ordinance adopted in accordance with the provision of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (hereinafter called "District"), and the State Board of Equalization (hereinafter called the "Board"), do agree as follows:

1. The Board agrees to enter into work to prepare to administer and operate a transactions and use tax in conformity with Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code which has been approved by a majority of the electors of the County and whose ordinance has been adopted by the District.

2. District agrees to pay to the Board at the times and in the amounts hereinafter specified all of the Board's costs for preparatory work necessary to administer the District's transactions and use tax ordinance. The Board's costs for preparatory work include costs of developing procedures, programming for data processing, developing and adopting appropriate regulations, designing and printing forms, developing instructions for the Board's staff and for taxpayers, and other appropriate and necessary preparatory costs to administer a transactions and use tax ordinance. These costs shall include both direct and indirect costs as specified in Section 11256 of the Government Code.

3. Preparatory costs may be accounted for in a manner which conforms to the internal accounting and personnel records currently maintained by the Board. The billings for costs may be presented in summary form. Detailed records of preparatory costs will be retained for audit and verification by the District.

4. Any dispute as to the amount of preparatory costs incurred by the Board shall be referred to the State Director of Finance for resolution, and the Director's decision shall be final.

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5. Preparatory costs incurred by the Board shall be billed by the Board periodically, with the final billing within a reasonable time after the operative date of the ordinance. District shall pay to the Board the amount of such costs on or before the last day of the next succeeding month following the month when the billing is received.

6. The amount to be paid by District for the Board's preparatory costs shall not exceed one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) (Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7272.)

7. Communications and notices may be sent by first class United States mail. Communications and notices to be sent to the Board shall be addressed to:

State Board of Equalization
P.O. Box 942879, MIC: 27
Sacramento, California 94279-0027
Attention: Administrator,
Local Revenue Branch

Communications and notices to be sent to District shall be addressed to:

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza. MS 99-21-2
Los Angeles, California 90012
Attention: Treasurer

8. The date of this agreement is the date on which it is approved by the Department of General Services. This agreement shall continue in effect until the preparatory work necessary to administer District's transactions and use tax ordinance has been completed and the Board has received all payments due from District under the terms of this agreement.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

By _____
Donna Mills
Treasurer

By _____
Administrator

ATTACHMENT C

**AGREEMENT FOR STATE ADMINISTRATION
OF DISTRICT TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAXES**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (hereafter called "District") has adopted, and the voters of Los Angeles County have approved by the required majority vote, the Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance (hereinafter called "Ordinance") a copy of which is attached hereto. To carry out the provision of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and the Ordinance, the State Board of Equalization, (hereinafter called the "Board") and the District do agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS**

Unless the context requires otherwise, wherever the following terms appear in the Agreement, they shall be interpreted to mean the following:

1. "District taxes" shall mean the transactions and use taxes, penalties, and interest imposed under an ordinance specifically authorized by Public Utilities Code Section 130350.7, and in compliance with Part 1.6, Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

2. "District Ordinance" shall mean the District's Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance referred to above and attached hereto, as amended from time to time, or as deemed to be amended from time to time pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7262.2.

**ARTICLE II
ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION
OF DISTRICT TAXES**

A. Administration. The Board and District agree that the Board shall perform exclusively all functions incident to the administration and operation of the District Ordinance.

B. Other Applicable Laws. District agrees that all provisions of law applicable to the administration and operation of the State Sales and Use Tax Law which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code shall be applicable to the administration and operation of the District Ordinance. District agrees that money collected pursuant to the District Ordinance may be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the Retail Sales Tax Fund and may

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be drawn from that Fund for any authorized purpose, including making refunds, compensating and reimbursing the Board pursuant to Article IV of this Agreement, and transmitting to District the amount to which District is entitled.

C. Transmittal of money.

1. For the period during which the tax is in effect, and except as otherwise provided herein, all District taxes collected under the provisions of the District Ordinance shall be transmitted to District periodically as promptly as feasible, but not less often than twice in each calendar quarter.

2. For periods subsequent to the expiration date of the tax, whether by District's self-imposed limits or by final judgment of any court of the State of California holding that District's ordinance is invalid or void, all District taxes collected under the provisions of the District Ordinance shall be transmitted to District not less than once in each calendar quarter.

3. Transmittals may be made by mail or electronic funds transfer to an account of the District designated and authorized by District. A statement shall be furnished at least quarterly indicating the amounts withheld pursuant to Article IV of this Agreement.

D. Rules. The Board shall prescribe and adopt such rules and regulations as in its judgment are necessary or desirable for the administration and operation of the District Ordinance and the distribution of the District taxes collected thereunder.

E. Preference. Unless the payor instructs otherwise, and except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Board shall give no preference in applying money received for state sales and use taxes, state-administered local sales and use taxes, and District transactions and use taxes owed by a taxpayer, but shall apply moneys collected to the satisfaction of the claims of the State, cities, counties, cities and counties, redevelopment agencies, other districts, and District as their interests appear.

F. Security. The Board agrees that any security which it hereafter requires to be furnished by taxpayers under the State Sales and Use Tax Law will be upon such terms that it also will be

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available for the payment of the claims of the District for District taxes owing to it as its interest appears. The Board shall not be required to change the terms of any security now held by it and District shall not participate in any security now held by the Board.

G. Records of the Board. When requested by resolution of the legislative body of the District under section 7056 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Board agrees to permit authorized personnel of the District to examine the records of the Board, including the name, address, and account number of each seller holding a seller's permit with a registered business location in the District, pertaining to the ascertainment of transactions and use taxes collected for the District. Information obtained by the District from examination of the Board's records shall be used by the District only for purposes related to the collection of transactions and use taxes by the Board pursuant to this Agreement.

H. Annexation. District agrees that the Board shall not be required to give effect to an annexation, for the purpose of collecting, allocating, and distributing District transactions and use taxes, earlier than the first day of the calendar quarter which commences not less than two months after notice to the Board. The notice shall include the name of the county or counties annexed to the extended District boundary. In the event the District shall annex an area, the boundaries of which are not coterminous with a county or counties, the notice shall include a description of the area annexed and two maps of the District showing the area annexed and the location address of the property nearest to the extended District boundary on each side of every street or road crossing the boundary.

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ARTICLE III
ALLOCATION OF TAX

A. Allocation. In the administration of the Board's contracts with all districts that impose transactions and use taxes imposed under ordinances, which comply with Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code:

1. Any payment not identified as being in payment of liability owing to a designated district or districts may be apportioned among the districts as their interest appear, or, in the discretion of the Board, to all districts with which the Board has contracted using ratios reflected by the distribution of district taxes collected from all taxpayers.

2. All district taxes collected as a result of determinations or billings made by the Board, and all amounts refunded or credited may be distributed or charged to the respective districts in the same ratio as the taxpayer's self-declared district taxes for the period for which the determination, billing, refund, or credit applies.

B. Vehicles, Vessels, and Aircraft. For the purpose of allocating use tax with respect to vehicles, vessels, or aircraft, the address of the registered owner appearing on the application for registration or on the certificate of ownership may be used by the Board in determining the place of use.

ARTICLE IV
COMPENSATION

The District agrees to pay to the Board as the Board's cost of administering the District Ordinance such amount as is provided for by law. Such amounts shall be deducted from the taxes collected by the Board for the District.

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ARTICLE V
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. Communications. Communications and notices may be sent by first class United States mail to the addresses listed below or to such other addresses as the parties may from time to time designate. A notification is complete when deposited in the mail.

Communications and notices to be sent to the Board shall be addressed to:

State Board of Equalization
P.O. Box 942879, MIC: 27
Sacramento, California 94279-0032

Attention: Administrator
Local Revenue Branch

Communications and notices to be sent to the District shall be addressed to:

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza, MS 99-21-2
Los Angeles, California 90012

Attention: Treasurer

Unless otherwise directed, transmittals of payment of District transactions and use taxes will be sent to the address above.

B. Term. The date of this Agreement is the date on which it is approved by the Department of General Services. The Agreement shall take effect on July 1, 2017. This Agreement shall continue until December 31 next following the expiration date of the District Ordinance, and shall thereafter be renewed automatically from year to year until the Board completes all work necessary to the administration of the District Ordinance and has received and disbursed all payments due under that Ordinance.

C. Notice of Repeal of Ordinance. District shall give the Board written notice of the repeal of the District Ordinance not less than 110 days prior to the operative date of the repeal.

ARTICLE VI
ADMINISTRATION OF TAXES IF THE
ORDINANCE IS CHALLENGED AS BEING INVALID

A. Impoundment of funds.

1. When a legal action is begun challenging the validity of the imposition of the tax, the District shall deposit in an interest-bearing escrow account, any proceeds transmitted to it under Article II.C., until a court of competent jurisdiction renders a final and non-appealable judgment that the tax is valid.

2. If the tax is determined to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the District shall transmit to the Board the moneys retained in escrow, including any accumulated interest, within ten days of the judgment of the trial court in the litigation awarding costs and fees becoming final and non-appealable.

B. Costs of administration. Should a final judgment be entered in any court of the State of California, holding that District's Ordinance is invalid or void and requiring a rebate or refund to taxpayers of any taxes collected under the terms of this Agreement, the parties mutually agree that:

1. Board may retain all payments made by District to Board to prepare to administer the District Ordinance.

2. District will pay to Board and allow Board to retain Board's cost of administering the District Ordinance in the amounts set forth in Article IV of this Agreement.

3. District will pay to Board or to the State of California the amount of any taxes plus interest and penalties, if any, that Board or the State of California may be required to rebate or refund to taxpayers.

4. District will pay to Board its costs for rebating or refunding such taxes, interest, or

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penalties. Board's costs shall include its additional cost for developing procedures for processing the rebates or refunds, its costs of actually making these refunds, designing and printing forms, and developing instructions for Board's staff for use in making these rebates or refunds and any other costs incurred by Board which are reasonably appropriate or necessary to make those rebates or refunds. These costs shall include Board's direct and indirect costs as specified by Section 11256 of the Government Code.

5. Costs may be accounted for in a manner, which conforms to the internal accounting, and personnel records currently maintained by the Board. The billings for such costs may be presented in summary form. Detailed records will be retained for audit and verification by District.

6. Any dispute as to the amount of costs incurred by Board in refunding taxes shall be referred to the State Director of Finance for resolution and the Director's decision shall be final.

7. Costs incurred by Board in connection with such refunds shall be billed by Board on or before the 25th day of the second month following the month in which the judgment of a court of the State of California holding District's Ordinance invalid or void becomes final. Thereafter Board shall bill District on or before the 25th of each month for all costs incurred by Board for the preceding calendar month. District shall pay to Board the amount of such costs on or before the last day of the succeeding month and shall pay to Board the total amount of taxes, interest, and penalties refunded or paid to taxpayers, together with Board costs incurred in making those refunds.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

By _____
Donna Mills
Treasurer

By _____
Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A Resolution Authorizing the Examination of Transactions (Sales) and Use Tax Records

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 16-01 of Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (hereinafter called “District”) and Section 7270 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the District entered into a contract with the State Board of Equalization to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of the Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the District deems it desirable and necessary for authorized representatives of the District to examine confidential transactions and use tax records of the State Board of Equalization pertaining to transactions and use taxes collected by the Board for the District pursuant to that contract; and

WHEREAS, Section 7056 of the Revenue and Taxation Code sets forth certain requirements and conditions for the disclosure of Board of Equalization records and establishes criminal penalties for the unlawful disclosure of information contained in or derived from, the transactions and use tax records of the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the following officers or employees of the District or other officers or employees designated in writing by the Chief Executive Officer to the Board are hereby appointed to represent the District with authority to examine transactions and use tax records of the Board pertaining to transactions and use taxes collected for the District by the Board pursuant to the contract between the District and the Board:

Chief Financial Officer
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
Debt Manager
Senior Investment Manager
Principal Financial Analyst
Senior Financial Analyst
Financial Analyst

The information obtained by examination of Board records shall be used only for purposes related to the collection of the District’s transactions and use taxes by the Board pursuant to the contract.

Section 2. That MuniServices is hereby designated to examine the transactions and use tax records of the Board of Equalization pertaining to transactions and use taxes collected for the District by the Board. The entity designated by this section meets all of the following conditions:

- a) has an existing contract with the District to examine those transactions and use tax records;

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- b) is required by that contract to disclose information contained in, or derived from those transactions and use tax records only to the officer or employee authorized under Section 1 of this resolution to examine the information;
- c) is prohibited by that contract from performing consulting services for a retailer during the term of that contract;
- d) is prohibited by that contract from retaining the information contained in, or derived from those transactions and use tax records after that contract has expired.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the information obtained by examination of Board records shall be used only for purposes related to the collection of District's transactions and use taxes by the Board pursuant to the contracts between the District and Board.

Section 3. That this resolution supersedes all prior transactions and use tax resolutions of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority adopted pursuant to subdivision (b) of Revenue and Taxation Section 7056.

Introduced, approved and adopted this 26th day of January, 2017.

(Name & Title)

(Attest)

(Signature)

(Date)



Metro

Board Report

Los Angeles County
Metropolitan Transportation
Authority
One Gateway Plaza
3rd Floor Board Room
Los Angeles, CA

File #: 2016-0941, File Type: Agreement

Agenda Number: 11

FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE JANUARY 18, 2017

SUBJECT: INTERSTATE 5 FREEWAY HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

ACTION: AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT OF SALE WITH CALTRANS FOR METRO RIGHT-OF-WAY CONVEYANCE FOR CASH COMPENSATION AND FEE TITLE TO RESTORE METRO'S 90-FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY

RECOMMENDATION

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer to execute a right-of-way contract of sale (Contract) with the **State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on the Interstate 5 Freeway between Burbank Boulevard and Buena Vista Street (Project).**

ISSUE

Caltrans and Metro staff have negotiated an agreement, subject to Board approval, to provide for the conveyance of various easements to Caltrans that are required for the Project. The property rights include the acquisition of fee title over portions of Victory Place that may be required to restore the railroad right-of-way to 90 feet. The agreement includes the payment by Caltrans of \$1,851,342. Any costs for relocation of facilities from the restored right-of-way will be paid by Metro as future transit projects are undertaken. Complete contract terms can be found in Attachment A.

DISCUSSION

On May 16, 2012, the Board authorized the CEO to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Caltrans covering the Project's terms of sale of Metro's right-of-way. The MOA required that Metro reimburse the City of Burbank for the cost to relocate all municipal and third-party facilities from Victory Place which included traffic signals, street lights and storm drains (Facilities). City consultants determined the estimated cost to relocate the Facilities at \$1.4 million. The MOA also provided that Metro would amend existing agreements with utility providers, assist Caltrans in negotiating such relocations, and accept from Caltrans \$1.4 million to compensate Metro for the estimated costs of future relocations from a portion of Victory Place should Metro use the property for its right-of-way.

Metro subsequently granted Caltrans a right of entry and construction permit to enable them to secure their funding for the Project and to begin construction. Metro also amended its existing agreements with utility providers to relocate their facilities and assisted Caltrans in negotiating these relocations. Caltrans began construction of the Project on May 17, 2012.

Subsequent to the start of construction on May 2012, revised estimates to relocate the Facilities from Victory Place escalated to approximately \$4.5 million. Caltrans rejected the revised relocation costs and the MOA was never executed between Metro and Caltrans. It was determined that it would be more appropriate for Caltrans to acquire the underlying fee title over those portions of Victory Place sufficient to restore the railroad right-of-way to 90 feet. However, any future costs to relocate public and private facilities from Victory Place will be borne by the future transit project requiring the additional right-of-way. To date, Caltrans has expended \$287,000 to acquire fee interest in approximately 18,000 square feet of a needed 28,000 square feet of property required for restoration of a 90-foot right-of-way. The remaining 10,000 square feet will be acquired before the completion of the Project.

As total compensation, Caltrans has offered to pay Metro \$1,851,342 for property rights needed for the Project. This payment is in addition to the amount Caltrans will expend to acquire the property needed to restore the railroad right-of-way. Metro Real Estate staff appraisers have confirmed that this compensation represents the fair market value of the parcels conveyed to Caltrans. The Contract provides that after Metro deposits the easement deeds into the escrow account, Metro may withdraw the \$1,851,342 in compensation.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

This Project will have a positive impact on safety with the construction of a grade separation (underpass) at Empire Avenue and modifications to the Interstate 5 Freeway and Empire Avenue Interchange. The Project also includes construction of a grade separation (underpass) at the existing Buena Vista Street grade crossing.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Execution of the Contract will generate \$1,852,342 in general fund revenue.

Impact to Budget

Adoption of the recommended action will have no impact to the Fiscal Year 2017 budget for Rail Operations.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board may decide not to enter into the negotiated agreement with Caltrans. This alternative is not recommended. The negotiated agreement will produce \$1,851,342 in new revenue for Metro and restore the rail corridor to its original 90-foot-wide railroad right-of-way.

NEXT STEPS


Subject to review and approval by County Counsel, Real Estate staff will submit the Contract of Sale to the CEO for execution with terms outlined in Attachment A. Staff estimates the remaining process to take 60 days.

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Attachment A - Contract of Sale Key Terms

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Phillip A. Washington
Chief Executive Officer

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CONTRACT OF SALE KEY TERMS

Project	The Project adds HOV lanes on both side of Interstate 5 freeway between Burbank Boulevard and Buena Vista and modifies the Interstate 5/Empire Avenue Interchange. The Project also includes construction of a grade separation (underpass) at the existing Buena Vista Street grade crossing.
Purchase Price	Caltrans will pay Metro \$1,851,342 as consideration for specific property rights needed for the Project from Metro.
Property to be conveyed to Caltrans	Metro will convey to Caltrans permanent easements consisting of approximately 68,000 square feet for HOV lanes, retaining walls, highway footings, signs, and lighting on Metro property
Property to be conveyed to Metro	Caltrans will convey to Metro the underlying fee title over those portions of Victory Place sufficient to restore the railroad right of way to 90 feet consisting of approximately 28,000 square feet.