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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE**

Transportation Authority of Marin  
900 Fifth Avenue, Suite 100  
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Compliance

We have audited the County of Marin's (County) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the Measure A Expenditure Plan and the respective funding agreement with the Transportation Authority of Marin (Authority), for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to compliance audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Management of the County of Marin is responsible for compliance with the Measure A Expenditure Plan and requirements of its funding agreement with the Transportation Authority of Marin. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to compliance audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the Measure A Expenditure Plan issued by the County of Marin, and the respective funding agreement between the County and the Authority. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide legal determination on the County's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the County, with the exception of Finding 2015-1, complied in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above for funding allocated during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 and for expenditures on projects utilizing those funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 through 2015.

Internal Control over Compliance

The management of the County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to Measure A funded programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the County's internal control over compliance to determine the auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We noted no deficiencies that we considered to be material weaknesses.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We noted one deficiency that we considered to be a significant deficiency (2015-1).

This report is intended solely for the information of the Board of Commissioners, Board of Supervisors, Citizens' Oversight Committee, Management of the Transportation Authority of Marin, and Management of the County, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Moss, Levy & Hartzheim*

MOSS, LEVY & HARTZHEIM, LLP  
Culver City, CA  
December 11, 2015

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Notes to the Compliance Report

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**NOTE 1** **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Financial Reporting Entity**

The County receives funding under the Measure A Expenditure Plan.

**Basis of Accounting**

The County utilizes the economic resources measurement focus basis of account, whereby revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The County considers all revenues reported to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Capital assets acquisitions are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

**NOTE 2** **MEASURE A SALES TAX**

The Measure A sales tax is a ½ cent set forth by voters as a step in implementing a 1.6 billion dollar “transportation vision” set forth by the County of Marin as a plan to alleviate traffic congestion, reinvent the public transportation system, provide addition pedestrian and bike pathways, provide safer routes to school and many other additional transit related goals. Citizens’ Advisory Committees in each part of the County, representing the many diverse interests in Marin, provided input that result in a draft expenditure plan. The draft plan was presented to each of Marin’s City/Town Councils and to numerous stakeholder groups. Their comments prompted refinements reflected in the Final Measure A Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan (Plan).

The Plan is administered by the Transportation Authority of Marin (Authority). Its 16 member board consists of the Board of Supervisors and a council member of each incorporated City/Town. The Authority is accountable to a 12 member Citizens’ Oversight Committee (Committee), created with the assistance of the League of Women Voters. The Committee reviews all expenditures and reports annually to the public.

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1. Obtained original Funding Agreement/Contract, Allocation Request, and Funding Agreement/Contract Amendments for the audit period or for the period during which funding was utilized for an approved project.
2. Reviewed Funding Agreement/Contract, Allocation Request, and Funding Agreement/Contract Amendments to determine total funding provided by the applicable Strategy for the audit period or for the projects being audited.
3. Interviewed finance staff regarding internal controls in the following areas, specific to, but not limited to, accounting for Measure A funding, to obtain an understanding of the entity's operations:
  - a. Cash Disbursements – Reviewed policies and procedures regarding approval, defacements, accounts payable check processing, and other matters related to the disbursement of funds.
  - b. Cash Receipts – Reviewed policies and procedures regarding cash handling of over-the-counter receipts and cash receipts received through the mail, bank deposits, bank reconciliations, and other matters related to the receipt of funds.
4. Obtained all invoices submitted to the Authority for reimbursements, if applicable.
5. Obtained supporting documentation for all invoices submitted to the Authority for reimbursements, including construction, personnel, project management, consultants, and other related costs.
6. Obtained general ledger detail for revenue and expenditures charged to the Measure A funding source or equivalent reports where income and expenses associated with Measure A funds can be clearly identified.
7. Reviewed remittances from the Authority to ensure that all revenues are correctly coded to the specific cost center or fund code designated for Measure A funding.
8. For reimbursement-based agreements, we reviewed all invoices submitted to the Authority to ensure that the costs being billed on the invoices reconcile with the ones being charged to the specific Measure A cost center in the entity's financial accounting system.
9. For reimbursement-based agreements/contracts, expenditures charged to the specific cost center or fund code designated for Measure A funding were selected on a random basis were and tested for the following attributes:
  - a. Approval – Reviewed invoices and supporting documentation to ensure that the proper review and approval process occurred and is documented on the invoice.
  - b. Invoice – Reviewed invoices and supporting documentation to ensure that they are mathematically accurate, properly addressed to the auditee, and have sufficient detail to justify the amounts being charged and the cost center or fund code to which it is being charged to.
  - c. Coding – Reviewed invoices and supporting documentation to ensure that they have been correctly coded to the specific cost center or fund code designated for Measure A funding.
  - d. Allowable – Reviewed invoices and supporting documentation to ensure that the costs being charged to the specific cost center or fund code designated for Measure A funding are allowable costs based on the Measure A Expenditure Plan, the entity's funding agreement with the Authority, and specific requirements of the Strategy for which the funds were restricted for. Also reviewed expenditures to ensure that all costs are direct costs and not indirect costs or allocations of any kind.

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10. For entities receiving funding in advance for Strategy 3 under a Measure A funding agreement, we reviewed, in summary form, various invoices to verify that expenditures being charged to the specific cost center or fund code restricted for Measure A are reasonable for the project. In addition, expenditures are also tested in the same fashion as outlined in step 9 of this list.
11. For entities where capital construction projects were funded utilizing Measure A Strategy 3 and 4 funding, we obtained the necessary project files and reviewed them for the following requirements:
  - a. Procurement Process – Reviewed procurement process of the project to ensure that the project was properly advertised in publications, internet, trade journals and/or other acceptable means. If other means of procurement, such as selective RFP submittals were followed, we determined whether the process is adequate in regards to the project. Reviewed any other evidence of procurement when appropriate, such as fax logs or mailing lists.
  - b. Bids and Proposals – Reviewed bids and proposals received to ensure that sufficient bids were received in regards to the project.
  - c. Bid Award – Reviewed City/Town Council Agendas and Minutes along with Staff Reports in regards to the bid award to ensure that the contract for the project was properly approved by Department Heads and the City/Town Council and was properly documented in a public forum. Also, we reviewed bidding results to ensure that the lowest bid was selected, and if the lowest bid was not selected, that there is sufficient documentation for any other selection process utilized.
12. For entities where professional service contracts were paid utilizing Measure A funding, with regards to construction projects or other purposes, we reviewed the policies and procedures of the entity in question to ensure that internal policies and procedures were followed in regards to the selection of professional service firms.
13. For entities where capital construction projects were paid utilizing Measure A Strategy 3 and 4 funding, we reviewed any applicable environmental review requirements and reviewed documentation to verify that all reports and reviews were performed prior to the start of any construction.
14. For entities where personnel costs were charged to the specific cost center or fund code designated for Measure A funding, we selected a representative sample of charges for personnel costs and tested for the following:
  - a. Recalculation – Reviewed and reconciled wage rates from personnel costs charged to Measure A cost center or fund code to the entity’s payroll registers to ensure that wage rates being charged were accurate and properly approved; reviewed all benefits and fringe costs being allocated in addition to wage rates to ensure that they are accurate and appropriate; recalculated personnel costs utilizing wage rates and hours being charged to ensure that the amounts are mathematically accurate; review the calculation to ensure no indirect costs are included in the reimbursement request.
  - b. Timesheet – Reviewed timesheets for selected personnel costs to ensure that hours being charged to Measure A are properly supported with an approved timesheet. All charges to Measure A funding must be clearly documented on timesheets, detailing the number of hours and the funding source, on a daily basis. We also reviewed timesheets for selected personnel costs to ensure that signatures of both the employee and supervisor are present. Electronic time documentation methods must also have similar electronic signatures.
15. Obtained close-out reports, from completed capital construction projects, submitted to the Authority.
16. Reviewed close-out reports to ensure that they were submitted within 90 days and were properly certified in accordance with the entity’s funding agreement/contract with the Authority.

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Attachment B - Findings and Observations

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2015-1 Finding – Documentation of allocation of construction costs not provided

During the review of construction expenditures, it was noted that there was no documentation on how invoices were being allocated to individual projects. Several Safe Pathways to School projects, including the Edna Maguire project, were part of one construction contract with Coastside Concrete. The invoices from Coastside Concrete did not include an allocation of costs to individual projects within the master contract.

Effect:

Without supporting documentation regarding the allocation of construction costs, it is difficult to ensure that correct amounts are being charged to each individual project within the master contract.

Recommendation:

We recommend that County ensure adequate documentation is obtained/retained to support allocation of construction costs to individual project within a master agreement, or invoices be obtained for each project separately.

Management's Response:

The County acknowledges the finding and will ensure all future documentation of allocation of costs be retained in the pertinent project files.

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Attachment C – Schedule of Funding Allocations and Expenditures

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**Measure A Allocation**

<u>Allocation Period</u>	<u>Agreement Number</u>	<u>Measure A Strategy</u>	<u>Agreement Date</u>	<u>Available Amount</u>
FY 10/11	2010-008	4.3	9/23/2010	<u>\$ 250,000</u>
Total Project Funding				<u><u>\$ 250,000</u></u>

**Measure A Expenditures**

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Measure A Strategy</u>	<u>Date of Completion</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Edna Maguire School Project	Construction and Design	4.3	Various	<u>\$ 250,000</u>
Total Project Cost				<u><u>\$ 250,000</u></u>