# City of Berkeley

Alameda County Transportation Commission -Measure B Funds

Berkeley, California

Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Reports

For the year ended June 30, 2024

# City of Berkeley Alameda County Transportation Commission - Measure B Funds

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Berkeley Berkeley, California

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the financial statements of the Measure B Funds (Measure B Funds) of the City of Berkeley, California (City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Measure B Funds of the City, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Measure B Funds of the City and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Measure B Funds and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City, as of June 30, 2024, the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

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#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The City's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Measure B Funds' ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Measure B Funds' internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant
  accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the
  financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that
  raise substantial doubt about the Measure B Funds' ability to continue as a going concern for a
  reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

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#### **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Measure B Funds' financial statements. The budgetary comparison information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The budgetary comparison information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, budgetary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 23, 2024 on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Badawi and Associates Berkeley, California December 23, 2024

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# City of Berkeley Alameda County Transportation Commission - Measure B Funds Balance Sheet June 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds					
	ACTC		ACTC			
	Streets and		Bike and			
		Roads	Pedestrian			Total
ASSETS						
Cash and investments	\$	3,947,910	\$	646,136	\$	4,594,046
Total assets	\$	3,947,910	\$	646,136	\$	4,594,046
LIABILITIES						
AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$	182	\$	65,028	\$	65,210
Accrued salaries and fringe benefits		2,163		3,942		6,105
Total liabilities		2,345		68,970		71,315
Fund Balances:						
Restricted for:						
Highway and streets		3,945,565		577,166		4,522,731
Total fund balances		3,945,565		577,166		4,522,731
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	3,947,910	\$	646,136	\$	4,594,046

# City of Berkeley Alameda County Transportation Commission - Measure B Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances For the year ended June 30, 2024

	Special Reve		
	ACTC	ACTC ACTC	
	Streets and	Bike and	
	Roads	Pedestrian	Total
REVENUES:			
Interest income	123,826	24,353	148,179
Total Revenues	123,826	24,353	148,179
EXPENDITURES:			
General government	9,055	8,255	17,310
Highway and streets	503,351	313,693	817,044
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	512,406	321,948	834,354
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(388,580)	(297,595)	(686,175)
FUND BALANCES:			
Beginning of year	4,334,145	874,761	5,208,906
End of year	\$ 3,945,565	\$ 577,166	\$ 4,522,731

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Reporting Entity

All transactions of the Alameda County Transportation Commission – Measure B Funds (Measure B Funds) of the City of Berkeley, California (City), are included as separate special revenue funds in the basic financial statements of the City. Measure B Funds are used to account for the City's share of revenues earned and expenditures incurred under the City's paratransit and capital programs. The accompanying financial statements are for Measure B Funds only and are not intended to fairly present the financial position of the City.

#### B. Basis of Accounting

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current periods. For this purpose, revenues are considered to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Sales taxes and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Revenues for expenditure driven grants are recognized when the qualifying expenditures are incurred.

#### C. Fund Accounting

The operations of the Measure B Funds are accounted for in two separate special revenue funds, ACTC Streets and Roads, ACTC Bike and Pedestrian, and ACTC Paratransit. The funds are separate accounting entities with a set of self-balancing accounts which comprise their assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. The ACTC Paratransit is no longer reported as paratransit funds were fully spent as of June 30, 2023.

#### D. Fund Balance

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use restricted resources first, and then use unrestricted resources as needed.

When expenditures are incurred for purposes where only unrestricted fund balances are available, the City uses the unrestricted resources in the following order: committed, assigned, and unassigned.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued

#### E. Cash and Investments

Cash and Investments of the Measure B Special Revenue Funds are pooled with other funds of the City. The City pools cash resources from all funds in order to facilitate and maximize the management of cash. The balance in the pooled cash account is available to meet current operating requirements. Cash in excess of current requirements is invested in various interest-bearing accounts and other investments for varying terms.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 40, Deposit and Investment Disclosures (Amendment of GASB No. 3), certain disclosure requirements for Deposits and Investment Risks were made in the following areas:

- Interest Rate Risk
- Credit Risk
  - Overall
  - Custodial Credit Risk
  - Concentrations of Credit Risk

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools, All investments are stated at fair value. Market value is used as fair value for those securities for which market quotations are readily available. Interest earned on investments is allocated to all funds on the basis of daily cash and investment balances.

#### F. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### 2. MEASURE B FUNDS

Under Measure B, approved by the voters of Alameda County in 1986 (ACTA Old Measure B) and in 2000, (ACTIA Measure B), the City receives a portion of the proceeds of an additional one-half cent sales tax to be used for transportation-related expenditures. This measure was adopted with the intention that the funds generated by the additional sales tax will not fund expenditures previously paid for by property taxes but, rather, would be used for additional projects and programs.

#### 3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Measure B Funds' cash and investments are part of the City's pooled cash and investments. Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturity of three months or less from date of acquisition. The pool consists of U.S. Agency Securities, Medium Term Notes, Money Market Funds and Guaranteed Investment Contracts. The Measure B Funds' share of the pool is \$4,594,046.

#### A. Investments

The table below identifies the investment types that are authorized for the City's pooled investment policies.

	Maxim		Maximum
	Maximum	Percentage/Dollar	Investment
Authorized Investment Type	Maturity	of Portfolio	in one issuer
Local Agency Bonds	5 years	100%	N/A
U.S. Treasury Securities	10 years	100%	N/A
U.S. Agency Securities	10 years	100%	N/A
Banker's Acceptances	7 days	40%	30%
Commercial Paper	180 days	25%	\$5MM or 2%
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	10 years	30%	N/A
Repurchase Agreements	1 year	10%	N/A
Medium-Term Notes	10 years	30%	N/A
Guaranteed Investment Contracts	5 years	25%	N/A
Money Market Funds	N/A	100%	N/A
Mortgage pass-Through Securities	5 years	20%	N/A
County Pooled Investment Funds	N/A	N/A	N/A
JPA Pools (other investment pools)	N/A	N/A	N/A

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools, investments were stated at fair value using the aggregate method in all funds and component units. The City's investments are carried at fair market value as required by generally accepted accounting principles. The City accounts for all changes in fair value that occurred during the year and are reflected in the fund balance for the fiscal year. These investment value changes are unrealized since the City's policy is to hold and buy investments until maturity dates.

#### 3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS, Continued

#### B. Risk Disclosure

<u>Interest Risk</u> – Interest rate risk is that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, there is the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. One of the way that the City manages its exposures to interest rate risk is by purchasing a combination of shorter term and longer term investments and by timing cash flows from maturities so that a portion of the portfolio is maturing or coming close to maturity evenly over time as necessary to provide the cash flow and liquidity needed for operations. The City has the intention to hold all investments to maturity. The average maturity of the City's pooled investments governed by the Investment Policies was approximately 1.51 years as of June 30, 2024.

<u>Credit Risk</u> – Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The City requires the issuer to have the highest rating from two nationally recognized rating agencies. Purchases of corporate notes shall be limited to securities rated "A" or higher by Moody's and "A" or higher by Stand and Poor's. The U.S. Agency Securities and Medium Term Notes in the pool are rated AAA and A/AA, respectively. The Money Market Funds and Guaranteed Investment Contracts are not rated.

<u>Concentration of Credit Risk</u>- The investment policies of the City contain no limitation on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer beyond that stipulated by the California Government Code.

<u>Custodial Credit Risk</u> – The custodial credit risk for an investment is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the City will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. All of the City's investments except money market mutual funds and guaranteed investment contracts are subject to custodial risk.

#### 4. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Measure B Special Revenue Funds have received grant funds for specific purposes that are subject to review by the grantor agencies. These programs are subject to further audit by the grantor agencies and upon further examination by the grantors, certain costs could be disallowed. The City expects that such amounts if any to be immaterial.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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# City of Berkeley Alameda County Transportation Commission - Measure B Funds Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual For the year ended June 30, 2024

	ACTC Streets and Roads							
	Final Budget Amount		Actual Amounts		Variance with Final Budget Positive/ (Negative)			
REVENUES:								
Interest income	\$		\$	123,826	\$	123,826		
Total Revenues				123,826		123,826		
EXPENDITURES:								
General government Highway and streets		8,189 3,106,017		9,055 506,837		(866) 2,599,180		
Total Expenditures		3,114,206	515,892		2,598,314			
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$	(3,114,206)		(392,066)	\$	2,722,140		
FUND BALANCES:								
Beginning of year				4,334,145				
End of year			\$	3,942,079				
Explanation of differences between budgetary bas	is to mo	dified accrual	basis:					
Net change in fund balances - budgetary basis to modified accrual basis:			\$	(392,066)				
Accounts payable accrual and reversal			-	3,486				
Net change in fund b	\$	(388,580)						

# City of Berkeley Alameda County Transportation Commission - Measure B Funds Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual For the year ended June 30, 2024

	ACTC Bike and Pedestrian						
	Final Budget Amount		Actual Amount		Variance with Final Budget Positive/ (Negative)		
REVENUES:							
Interest income	\$		\$	24,353	\$	24,353	
Total Revenues				24,353		24,353	
EXPENDITURES:							
General government		-		8,255		(8,255)	
Highway and streets		209,993		248,665		(38,672)	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		209,993		256,920		(46,927)	
REVENUES OVER (UNDER)							
EXPENDITURES	\$	(209,993)		(232,567)	\$	(22,574)	
FUND BALANCES:							
Beginning of year				874,761			
End of year			\$	642,194			
Explanation of differences between budgetary bases	sis to modif	ied accrual	basis:				
Net change in fund balances - budgetary basis to n	nodified acc	rual basis:	\$	(232,567)			
Accounts payabl	le accrual ar	nd reversal		(65,028)			
Net change in fund balances - GAAP basis			\$	(297,595)			

# City of Berkeley Alameda County Transportation Commission – Measure B Funds Notes to Supplementary Information For the year ended June 30, 2024

#### 1. BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

#### A. Budgetary Control and Budgetary Accounting

Prior to June 1, the City Manager submits to the City Council a proposed operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The proposed budget includes a summary of proposed expenditures and forecasted revenues of the City's special revenue funds.

The City Council adopts the budget prior to July 1 of each fiscal year. The annual budget indicates appropriations by fund. The Council may adopt supplemental appropriations during the year. Any unused funds are re-appropriated to the following fiscal year until the project is completed. The budget is adopted on a modified cash basis, which is not consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

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# REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council of the City of Berkeley Berkeley, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Measure B Funds (Measure B Funds) of the City of Berkeley, California (City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 23, 2024.

#### Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

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. 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Measure B Funds' financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statement. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Badawi and Associates Berkeley, California

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December 23, 2024



# REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE FOR MEASURE B

#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Berkeley Berkeley, California

#### Report on Compliance for Measure B

#### Opinion on Compliance for Measure B

We have audited City of Berkeley's (City) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the agreement between the City and Alameda County Transportation Commission that could have a direct and material effect on its Measure B 2000 Funds (Measure B Funds) for the year ended June 30, 2024.

In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its Measure B Funds for the year ended June 30, 2024.

#### Basis for Opinion on Measure B

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the agreement between the City and Alameda County Transportation Commission. Our responsibilities under those standards and are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the City and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for the City's Measure B Funds. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Measure B Funds compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the City's Measure B Funds.

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#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Measure B Fund's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the agreement between the City and Alameda County Transportation Commission will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Measure B Fund's compliance with the requirements of the agreement between the City and Alameda County Transportation Commission.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the agreement between the City and Alameda County Transportation Commission, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design
  and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a
  test basis, evidence regarding the Measure B Funds' compliance with the compliance requirements
  referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the
  circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the City's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order
  to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal
  control over compliance in accordance with the agreement between the City and Alameda County
  Transportation Commission, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of
  City's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

#### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined below. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of the agreement between the City and the Alameda County Transportation Commission on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of the agreement between the City and the Alameda County Transportation Commission will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of the agreement between the City and the Alameda County Transportation Commission that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the agreement between the City and the Alameda County Transportation Commission. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Badawi and Associates

Berkeley, California December 23, 2024