



CITY OF NEWARK
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ALAMEDA COUNTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE FUND
NEWARK, CALIFORNIA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Measure F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee Fund (the "VRF Fund") of the City of Newark, California, (the "City") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the VRF Fund's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the VRF Fund 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 Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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. 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 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 described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Measure F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee Fund agreement which requires that financial statements present only the activities pertaining to the program, and does not purport to present fairly, the financial position of the City as of June 30, 2024, and the changes in its financial position 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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.



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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 generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* 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 generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, 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 City's 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.

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.

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.



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Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 20, 2024, on our consideration of the City's internal control over the VRF Fund's 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 the City's internal control over the VRF Fund's financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering City's internal control over the VRF Fund's financial reporting and compliance.

Lance, Solt & Lughard, LLP

Sacramento, California
December 20, 2024

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Balance Sheet
June 30, 2024

Assets

Cash and investments	\$	662,405
Intergovernmental receivables		<u>35,984</u>
Total Assets	\$	<u>698,389</u>

Fund Balance

Restricted for Vehicle Registration Fee Programs and Projects	\$	<u>698,389</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$	<u>698,389</u>

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Change in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Revenues

Measure F revenues	\$ 214,338
Use of money and property	<u>24,112</u>
Total Revenues	<u>238,450</u>
Net change in fund balance	238,450
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>459,939</u>
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 698,389</u></u>

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ALAMEDA COUNTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE FUND
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

All transactions of the Measure F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fees are reported in a special revenue fund (VRF Fund) of the City of Newark, California (City). The special revenue fund is a separate fund in the basic financial statements of the City. The Fund is used to account for the City's revenues earned and expenditures incurred under the City's various street maintenance and construction projects. The accompanying financial statements are for the VRF Fund only and are not intended to fairly present the financial position of the City.

B. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are generally recorded when measurable and available, and expenditures are recorded when the related liabilities are incurred.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus, wherein only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of governmental funds present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

C. Fund Accounting

The operations of the VRF Fund are accounted for separately in the basic financial statements of the City as a separate special revenue fund. Funds are separate accounting entities with a set of self-balancing accounts which comprise their assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures.

D. 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.

E. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

The City pools its available cash for investment purposes. The City's 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. Cash and cash equivalents are combined with investments and displayed as Cash and Investments.

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:

Credit Risk

- Overall
- Custodial Credit Risk
- Concentrations of Credit Risk

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

In addition, other disclosures are specified including use of certain methods to present deposits and investments, highly sensitive investments, credit quality at year-end and other disclosures.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*, highly liquid market investments with maturities of one year or less at time of purchase are stated at amortized cost.

The City participates in an investment pool managed by the State of California titled Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) which has invested a portion of the pooled funds in Structured Notes and Asset-Backed Securities. LAIF's investments are subject to credit risk with the full faith and credit of the State of California collateralizing these investments. In addition, these Structured Notes and Asset- Backed Securities are subject to market risk as to change in interest rates.

F. Revenues and Receivables

During the course of normal operations, the fund carries various receivable balances for intergovernmental revenue and interest. Revenues are recorded when received in cash, except revenues subject to accrual (generally 60 days after year-end) are recognized when due. The primary revenue sources, which have been treated as susceptible to accrual by the fund, are Measure F vehicle registration fees.

NOTE 2: MEASURE F ALAMEDA COUNTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION FUND

The Measure F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Program was approved by the voters in November 2010, with 63 percent of the vote. The fee will generate about \$10.7 million per year by a \$10 per year vehicle registration fee. The collection of the \$10 per year vehicle registration fee started in the first week of May 2011.

The goal of the VRF program is to sustain the County's transportation network and reduce traffic congestion and vehicle related pollution. The program includes four categories of projects:

- Local Road Improvement and Repair Program (60 percent)
- Transit for Congestion Relief (25 percent)
- Local Transportation Technology (10 percent)
- Pedestrian and Bicyclist Access and Safety Program (5 percent)

NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The VRF Fund's cash and investments are pooled with the City's cash and investments in order to generate optimum interest income.

The City pools its available cash for investment purposes. The City's 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. Cash and cash equivalents are combined with investments and displayed as Cash and Investments.

VRF Fund had the following cash and investments at June 30, 2024:

Cash and Investments	\$662,405
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 Notes to Financial Statements
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

A. Investments

Under the provisions of the City’s investment policy, and in accordance with California Government Code, the following investments are authorized:

Authorized Investment Type	Maximum Maturity	Maximum Percentage of Portfolio	Minimum Credit Quality Requirements
California Local Agency Investment Fund	None	None	None
California Asset Management Program	None	None	None
Securites of the U.S. Government	5 years	None	None
Banker Acceptances	180 days	40%	None
Collateralized Certificates of Deposits	5 years	50%	None
Negotiable Certificates of Deposits	5 years	30%	None
Commerical Paper	270 days	None	A-1
Repurchase Agreements	1 year	50%	None
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	92 days	50%	None

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 generally hold and buy investments until maturity dates.

B. Risk Disclosures

Interest Risk – Interest rate risk is the fluctuation in fair value of investments due to changes in interest rates. The City’s exposure to losses caused by rising interest rates is minimized by limiting the average maturity of the City’s investment not to exceed five years.

Credit Risk – Credit risk is the risk of loss of value of a security or investment due to downgrade of its rating due to a change in the ability of the issuer to fulfill its debt obligation. With the exception of U.S. Treasury securities and authorized pools, no more than 50% of the City’s total investment portfolio will be invested in a single security type or with a single financial institution to reduce the City’s exposure to credit risks.

Custodial Credit Risk – 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. None of the City’s investments were subject to custodial credit risk.

C. Local Agency Investment Fund

The City is a voluntary participant in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) that is regulated by California Government Code Section 16429 under the oversight of the Treasurer of the State of California. The balance is available for withdrawal on demand. The City’s investments with LAIF at June 30, 2024, include a portion of the pool funds invested in Structured Notes and Asset-Backed Securities. These investments include the following:

Structured Notes are debt securities (other than asset-backed securities) whose cash flow characteristics (coupon rate, redemption amount, or stated maturity) depend upon one or more indices and/or that have embedded forwards or options.

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NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Asset-Backed Securities the bulk of which are mortgage-backed securities, entitle their purchasers to receive a share of the cash flows from a pool of assets such as principal and interest repayments from a pool of mortgages (such as Collateralized Mortgage Obligations) or credit card receivables.

As of June 30, 2024, the City invested in LAIF, which had invested 3.0% of the pool investment funds in Structured Notes and Asset-Backed Securities. The City reports its investment in LAIF at cost which approximates fair value.

D. California Asset Management Program

The City also participates in the California Asset Management Program (CAMP). CAMP was established in 1989 and has been providing professional investment services to California public agencies. The CAMP pool is a permitted investment for all local agencies under California Government Code Section 53601(p). The pool is managed to earn a high rate of return while preserving principal, providing liquidity, and seeking a stable net asset value of \$1.00. Like any type of investment, there are sever factors such as interest rate risk, market risk, etc. that could affect the pool's performance.

NOTE 4: INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLES

The intergovernmental receivables represent the Measure F VRF revenues for the fiscal year received from the Alameda County Transportation Commission after June 30, 2024. These items amounted to \$35,984 at June 30, 2024.

NOTE 5: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The City participates in several grant programs. These programs are subject to further examination by the grantors and the amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time. The City expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Newark, 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 F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee Fund (the "VRF Fund") of the City of Newark, California (the "City"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the VRF Fund's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 20, 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 the VRF Fund's 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 over the VRF Fund. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over the VRF Fund.

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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's VRF Fund's 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 statements. 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*.



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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 City's internal control over VRF Fund reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over VRF Fund reporting and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Lance, Solt & Lughard, LLP

Sacramento, California
December 20, 2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

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

Report on Compliance

Opinion on the Vehicle Registration Fee Funds

We have audited the compliance of the City of Newark, California (the "City"), with the types of compliance requirements described in the agreement with the Alameda County Transportation Commission, that are applicable to its Measure F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee Fund (the "VRF Fund") for the year ended June 30, 2024.

In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance that could have a direct and material effect on the requirements referred to above applicable to the VRF Fund of the City for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion

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; and the requirements described in the agreement with the Alameda County Transportation Commission, that are applicable to its Measure F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee Fund. Our responsibilities under those standards 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 VRF Fund and the City, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the VRF Fund's 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 its agreement with the Alameda County Transportation Commission.

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, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the City's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and



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therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, and section 6666 of the Act 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 VRF Fund's compliance with the requirements described in the agreement with the Alameda County Transportation Commission that are applicable to its VRF Fund.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the compliance requirements referred to above, 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 City's 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 with the Alameda County Transportation Commission, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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

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 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 compliance requirement 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 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 consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section 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 above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that have not been identified.

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.



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Purpose of this Report

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 described in the agreement with the Alameda County Transportation Commission that are applicable to its VRF Fund. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Lance, Soll & Lughard, LLP

Sacramento, California
December 20, 2024