

MINUTES

**Independent
Citizens'
Advisory and
Oversight
Committee**

**INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' ADVISORY
AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Metro Headquarters
3rd Floor - Board Room
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles**

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Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 1:30 p.m.

213-922-4600

Call to order at 1:49 p.m.

Members Present:
Emina Darakjy, Chair
Brian Russell, Vice Chair
Belinda Faustinos
Dwight Ham

1. NO ACTION regarding announcement of new Chair and Vice Chair.
2. APPROVED minutes of Regular Board meeting held January 12, 2016.

DH	ED (Chair)	BR	BF
Y	Y	Y	ABS

DH = D. Ham	ED = E. Darakjy	BR = B. Russell	BF = B. Faustinos
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LEGEND: Y = YES, N = NO, C = HARD CONFLICT, S = SOFT CONFLICT ABS = ABSTAIN, A = ABSENT, P = PRESENT

3. **RECEIVED AND FILED the Independent Auditor’s Report on Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures for Proposition A and Proposition C Special Revenue Funds for the Year Ended June 30, 2016 (with comparative totals for 2015).**

Mike DiCastro of BCA reported that they were giving an unmodified opinion having found no deficiencies in compliance or internal controls.

For Proposition A, Metro receives 5% off the top for administrative costs; 25% for local return; 35% for rail; 35% for discretionary bus; and, 5% for discretionary incentive. BCA verified that the funds were used in that way.

For Proposition C, Metro receives 1.5% for administrative costs; 5% for bus and rail security; 10% for commuter rail; 20% to local jurisdictions; 25% for streets and highways; 40% discretionary for expansion of bus and rail countywide. BCA verified that the funds were used in that way.

Director Ham asked what Prop A “discretionary incentive” funds were used for. Staff responded that 5% of 40% came about as a solution to the use of state TDA funds. This allows the Muni’s to have the entire pot of TDA funds. It is an incentive fund to get the cities to provide services such as Dial-a-Ride in coordination with at least one other city. Metro will reimburse them up to 25% of their cost; but it’s voluntary vs. involuntary.

Director Russell suggested linking footnote 7 to Metro’s website so that the comprehensive report could be seen.

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Y	Y	Y	Y

4. **APPROVED:**

A. **the Notice of Intent to Hold Public Hearing; and**

- B. scheduling a **Public Hearing** for Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. to receive input on FY 2016 Audit of Propositions A & C Revenues and Expenditures.

DH	ED (Chair)	BR	BF
Y	Y	Y	Y

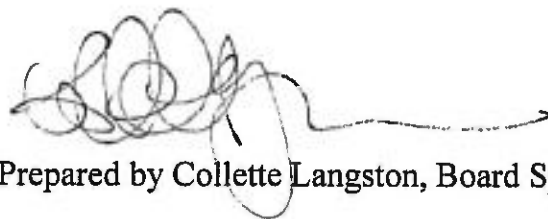
5. Public Comment – NONE.

Director Darakjy reminded that this committee encouraged the Metro Board to add a plaque to the 26th Street/Bergamot Station along the Expo Line to honor Sargent Joe Gandara, a lifelong resident of the Pico neighborhood that was fatally wounded during the World War II Allied invasion of Normandy in 1944. She also brought copies of the article in Business Life where he was featured.

Director Darakjy also inquired about a letter received from a constituent indicating he had not received a response from Metro staff. Jesse Soto specified that a comprehensive response has indeed been sent and said he would provide copies of the response to the committee members.

Director Russell welcomed new Director Belinda Faustinos, who was appointed by Metro Board Member and Chair of the L.A. County Board of Supervisors, Hilda Solis.

Adjourned at 2:28 p.m.



Prepared by Collette Langston, Board Specialist