

**SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN
TRANSIT DISTRICT
MEASURE D PROGRAM**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2024**

**SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
MEASURE D PROGRAM
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
Santa Cruz, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Measure D Program of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Santa Cruz METRO), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Measure D Program of Santa Cruz METRO'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 Measure D Program of Santa Cruz METRO, 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 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 Santa Cruz METRO 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.

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.

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 D Program of Santa Cruz METRO's 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 Santa Cruz METRO's internal control relating to the Measure D Program. 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 D Program of Santa Cruz METRO's 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.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Measure D Program and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of Santa Cruz METRO as of June 30, 2024, or 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.

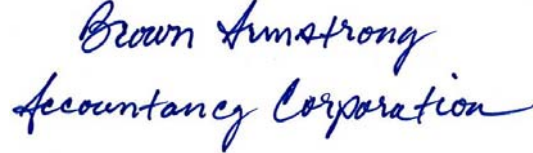
Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Measure D Program of Santa Cruz METRO's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position – budget and actual is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position – budget and actual is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic 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 13, 2024, on our consideration of Santa Cruz METRO's internal control over financial reporting relating to the Measure D Program 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 relating to the Measure D Program and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Santa Cruz METRO's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance relating to the Measure D Program. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Santa Cruz METRO's internal control over financial reporting and compliance relating to the Measure D Program.

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ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION

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Bakersfield, California
December 13, 2024

**SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
MEASURE D PROGRAM
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024**

ASSETS

Cash and Investments	\$ 9,764,967
Intergovernmental Receivables	
Receivables from SCCRTC for Measure D Allocations	754,088
Total Assets	\$ 10,519,055

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

Liabilities	
Unearned Income	\$ 10,519,055
Total Liabilities	10,519,055
Net Position	
Restricted	-
Total Net Position	-
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 10,519,055

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
 MEASURE D PROGRAM
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES,
 AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

REVENUES

Measure D Revenue	\$ 6,785,554
Interest Income	362,523
	7,148,077
Total Revenues	7,148,077

EXPENSES

Transit Operations	1,918,904
Transit Capital	5,229,173
	7,148,077
Total Expenses	7,148,077

REVENUES OVER EXPENSES -

NET POSITION

Beginning of Year	-
	-
End of Year	\$ -
	-

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
MEASURE D PROGRAM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

On November 8, 2016, the voters of Santa Cruz County, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Transportation Authority and Improvement Act (the Act), California Public Utilities Code, Division 19, Section 180000 et seq., adopted an ordinance approving the Santa Cruz County Transportation Improvement Plan Measure (Measure D), thereby authorizing Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) to administer the proceeds from a retail transaction and use tax of one-half of one-percent (0.5%) that will last 30 years from the initial date of collection. The Measure D Ordinance authorizes SCCRTC to allocate, administer, and oversee the expenditure of all Measure D revenues and to distribute revenues no less than quarterly to local agencies (including Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District).

All transactions of the Measure D Program by the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Santa Cruz METRO) are included as an enterprise fund in the basic financial statements of Santa Cruz METRO. These statements account for Santa Cruz METRO's share of revenues earned and expenses incurred under Santa Cruz METRO's Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities Program. The accompanying financial statements are for the Measure D Program only and are not intended to fairly present the financial position or results of operations of Santa Cruz METRO.

B. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

Santa Cruz METRO uses an enterprise fund format to report its activities for financial statement purposes. The accompanying financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred regardless of when the related cash flows take place.

C. 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 expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 – MEASURE D PROGRAM

Under Measure D, Santa Cruz METRO receives 16% of the proceeds (after administrative costs) of a one-half cent local sales tax, to be used for transportation-related expenses. Measure D was adopted with the intention that the funds generated by the sales tax will not fund transportation-related expenses previously paid for by existing funds, revenues, and other resources, but rather, will be used for additional projects and programs, so as to supplement (and not replace) the revenue funds designated and used for transportation programs and expenses.

NOTE 2 – MEASURE D PROGRAM (Continued)

Santa Cruz METRO must receive Board of Directors approval of a 5-year Program of Projects prior to expending Measure D funding on any project or program, in accordance with the requirements of the Measure D Master Funding Agreement. The approved 5-year Program of Projects is submitted to the SCCRTC annually, and includes information about each of the projects to be funded with the estimated annual Measure D revenues, allocated according to the Measure D Ordinance and Expenditure Plan.

The major project funded by Measure D was as follows:

Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities Program – To provide transit services to seniors and people with disabilities, and to purchase transportation capital improvements.

In fiscal year 2024, \$1,918,904 of Measure D sales tax proceeds were used to fund transit operator wages and benefits in order to increase Fixed-route service, sustain paratransit service levels, and maintain service reliability during the year. Measure D capital outlays of \$5,229,173 were used to fund the construction of the new downtown Santa Cruz Pacific Metro Station, purchase four (4) Gillig zero-emission buses, seven (7) Paratransit vans, ten used CNG articulated buses, and fund the lease payments for three (3) New Flyer CNG buses during the year.

NOTE 3 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investments are tracked and held in a separate Measure D fund account in the Santa Cruz County Pooled Investment Fund, and consisted of \$9,764,967 of Measure D sales tax allocations and interest earnings at June 30, 2024.

See Santa Cruz METRO's basic financial statements for disclosures related to the cash and investments as prescribed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 40. The basic financial statements may be obtained from Santa Cruz METRO at 110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

NOTE 4 – INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLES

Intergovernmental receivables of \$754,088 represent the Measure D Program sales tax allocations for fiscal year 2024 that were received from SCCRTC after June 30, 2024.

NOTE 5 – UNEARNED INCOME

Measure D Program sales tax allocations that are allocated to Santa Cruz METRO during the year are restricted and reported as liabilities (unearned income) until spent on the specific purpose for which they were intended, as outlined in the 5-Year Program of Projects approved by the Santa Cruz METRO Board of Directors and submitted to the SCCRTC. The balance of unearned Measure D proceeds is currently committed as cost sharing on awarded capital grants in progress.

NOTE 6 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated by management through December 13, 2024, which is the date of issuance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
MEASURE D PROGRAM
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION – BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Measure D Revenue	\$ 4,268,631	\$ 4,268,631	\$ 6,785,554	\$ 2,516,923
Interest Income	-	-	362,523	362,523
Total Revenues	<u>4,268,631</u>	<u>4,268,631</u>	<u>7,148,077</u>	<u>2,879,446</u>
EXPENSES				
Transit Operations	1,918,904	1,918,904	1,918,904	-
Transit Capital	<u>2,349,727</u>	<u>2,349,727</u>	<u>5,229,173</u>	<u>(2,879,446)</u>
Total Expenses	<u>4,268,631</u>	<u>4,268,631</u>	<u>7,148,077</u>	<u>(2,879,446)</u>
REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	-	-	-	-
NET POSITION				
Beginning of Year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

OTHER REPORTS

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Directors
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
Santa Cruz, 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 D Program of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Santa Cruz METRO), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Measure D Program of Santa Cruz METRO's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 13, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Santa Cruz METRO's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) relating to the Measure D Program 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 Santa Cruz METRO's internal control relating to the Measure D Program. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Santa Cruz METRO's internal control relating to the Measure D Program.

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 Measure D Program of Santa Cruz METRO'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.

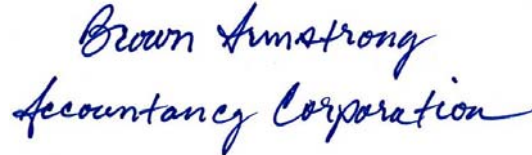
Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Measure D Program's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of Santa Cruz METRO's 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*.

Purpose of this Report

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

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ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION

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Bakersfield, California
December 13, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON MEASURE D PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

To the Board of Directors
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
Santa Cruz, California

Opinion

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Measure D Program of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Santa Cruz METRO) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes, and have issued our report thereon dated December 13, 2024.

In our opinion, management's assertion that Santa Cruz METRO complied, in all material respects, with the Measure D Program for the year ended June 30, 2024, is fairly stated in all material respects.

Basis for Opinion on Compliance

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the Measure D Program. Our responsibilities under those standards and the Government Code are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Santa Cruz METRO 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 the compliance requirements referred to above. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Santa Cruz METRO'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 requirements referred to above.

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 Santa Cruz METRO'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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government*

Auditing Standards, and the Measure D Program 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 Santa Cruz METRO's compliance relating to the Measure D Program.

In performing an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Measure D Program, 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 Santa Cruz METRO'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 Santa Cruz METRO'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 Measure D Program, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Santa Cruz METRO'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 with the Measure D Program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with the requirements referred to above 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 the requirements referred to above 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 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 above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not 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.

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 Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

BROWN ARMSTRONG
ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION

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Bakersfield, California
December 13, 2024