

**City of
Berkeley**
**Measure F Alameda
County Vehicle
Registration Fee Fund**
Berkeley, California

*Financial Statements and
Independent Auditor's Reports*

For the year ended June 30, 2023

City of Berkeley
Measure F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee Fund

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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 F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee Fund (VRF Fund) of the City of Berkeley, California (City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, 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 financial position of the VRF Fund of the City, as of June 30, 2023, and the 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 VRF Fund 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 VRF Fund and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City, as of June 30, 2023, or the change 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

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 VRF Fund'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 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:

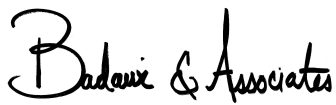
- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, 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 VRF Fund'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.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the VRF Fund'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.

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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 15, 2023 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.

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Badawi and Associates
Berkeley, California
December 15, 2023

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City of Berkeley
Measure F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30. 2023

	Total
ASSETS:	
Cash and investments	\$ 1,187,371
Intergovernmental receivable	92,796
Total assets	\$ 1,280,167
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE:	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payables	\$ 121,163
Accrued salaries and fringe benefit	3,405
Total liabilities	124,568
Fund Balance:	
Restricted	1,155,599
Total fund balance	1,155,599
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 1,280,167

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

City of Berkeley
Measure F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
For the year ended June 30. 2023

	Total
REVENUES:	
Measure F revenues	\$ 505,898
Interest income	27,330
Total revenues	533,228
EXPENDITURES:	
General government	2,500
Operating expenditures	444,002
Capital outlay	5,079
Total expenditures	451,581
REVENUES OVER (UNDER)	
EXPENDITURES	81,647
FUND BALANCE:	
Beginning of year	1,073,952
End of year	\$ 1,155,599

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

City of Berkeley
Measure F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee Fund
Notes to Financial Statements
For the year ended June 30, 2023

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 Berkeley, California (City). The special revenue fund is included as part of the State Construction and Maintenance 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

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. 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.

D. 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.

City of Berkeley
Measure F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee Fund
Notes to Financial Statements
For the year ended June 30, 2021

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued

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 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. All other investments are stated at fair value. Market value is used as fair value for those securities for which market quotations are readily available.

E. Revenues and Receivables

During the course of normal operations, the fund carries various receivable balances for taxes 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.

2. MEASURE F ALAMEDA COUNTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES

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 with a \$10 per year vehicle registration fee County-wide. 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)

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Measure F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee Fund
Notes to Financial Statements
For the year ended June 30, 2021

3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Measure F VRF Fund's 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 VRF Fund's share of the pool is \$1,062,123.

A. Investments

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

Authorized Investment Type	Maximum Maturity	Maximum Percentage/Dollar of Portfolio	Maximum Investment 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.

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Measure F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee Fund
Notes to Financial Statements
For the year ended June 30, 2021

3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS, Continued

B. Risk Disclosures

Interest Risk – 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, 2023.

Credit Risk – 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.

Concentration of Credit Risk– 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.

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. All of the City's investments except money market mutual funds and guaranteed investment contracts are subject to custodial risk.

4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES

The accounts receivables represent the Measure F VRF revenues for the fiscal year received from the Alameda County Transportation Commission after June 30, 2023. The balance as of June 30, 2023 was \$92,796.

5. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The City participates in several grant programs. These programs are subject to any further examination by the grantors and the amount, in 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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City of Berkeley
Measure F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee Fund
Supplementary Information
For the year ended June 30, 2023

1. BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

The VRF Fund follows the City's budgetary procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

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).

City of Berkeley
Measure F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
Supplementary Information
For the year ended June 30. 2023

	Final Budget Amount	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive / (Negative)
REVENUES:			
Measure F sales tax revenue	427,699	\$ 490,740	\$ 63,041
Interest income	-	27,330	27,330
Total revenues	427,699	518,070	90,371
EXPENDITURES:			
General government	5,000	2,500	2,500
Operating expenditures	636,739	325,451	311,288
Capital outlay	821,145	5,079	816,066
Total expenditures	1,462,884	333,030	1,129,854
Net change in fund balance	\$ (1,035,185)	185,040	\$ 1,220,225
FUND BALANCE:			
Beginning of year		1,073,952	
End of year		\$ 1,258,992	
Explanation of difference between budgetary basis to modified accrual basis:			
Net change in fund balance - Budgetary basis	\$	185,040	
Receivable accrual and prior year reversal		15,158	
Payable accrual and prior year reversal		(118,551)	
Net change in fund balance - GAAP basis	\$	81,647	

**06 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 F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee Fund (VRF Fund) of the City of Berkeley, California (City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 15, 2023.

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.

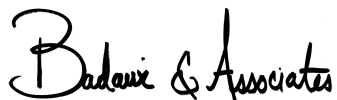
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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the 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*.

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
December 15, 2023

**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER COMPLIANCE FOR MEASURE F**

Independent Auditor's Report

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

Report on Compliance for Measure F

Opinion on Compliance for Measure F

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 F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee Fund (VRF Fund) for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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 VRF Fund for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Measure F

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 VRF Fund. 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 the City's VRF Fund.

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 VRF 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 VRF 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 VRF Fund'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 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

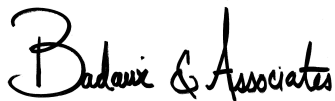
Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant 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.

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Berkeley, California
December 15, 2023