



External Quality Control Review

of the
Los Angeles County Metropolitan
Transportation Authority – Office of
the Inspector General Audit Unit

Conducted in accordance with guidelines of the
**Association of Local Government
Auditors**
for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024



Association of Local Government Auditors

September 19, 2024

Ms. Karen Gorman
Inspector General
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
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Dear Ms. Gorman,

We have completed a peer review of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority - Office of the Inspector General Audit Unit for the July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. In conducting our review, we followed the standards and guidelines contained in the *Peer Review Guide for Assessing Conformance with Government Auditing Standards* published by the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA).

We reviewed the internal quality control system of your audit organization and conducted tests to determine whether your internal quality control system was adequately designed and operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance of compliance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and applicable legal and regulatory requirements. Our procedures included:

- Reviewing the audit organization's written policies and procedures.
- Reviewing internal monitoring procedures.
- Reviewing a sample of audit and non-audit engagements and working papers.
- Reviewing documents related to independence, training, and development of auditing staff.
- Interviewing auditing staff and management within the Audit Unit to assess their understanding of, and compliance with, relevant quality control policies and procedures.

Due to variances in individual performance and judgment, compliance does not imply adherence to standards in every case but does imply adherence in most situations. Organizations can receive a rating of pass, pass with deficiencies, or fail. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Office of Inspector General, Audit Unit has received a rating of pass.

Based on the results of our review, it is our opinion that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority - Office of the Inspector General Audit Unit's internal quality control system was adequately designed and operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance of compliance with *Government Auditing Standards* and applicable legal and regulatory requirements for engagements during the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

We have prepared a separate letter providing comments pertinent to our findings on your internal quality control system.

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Dear Ms. Gorman,

We have completed a peer review of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority – Office of the Inspector General Audit Unit for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 and issued our report thereon dated September 19, 2024. We are issuing this companion letter to offer observations stemming from our peer review.

We would like to mention some of the areas in which we believe your office excels:

- **Supportive Environment.** Staff report a highly supportive, collaborative environment among peers and supervisory staff that is dedicated to ensuring education and competency of staff.
- **Competent Personnel.** The Audit unit is small, but made up of competent, professional staff who are able to maintain a high level of productivity.
- **Proactive Approach.** Management and staff take a very proactive approach to the *Government Auditing Standards* (Yellow Book) requirements, with early implementation of the 2024 Yellow Book requirements. In addition, the office has a comprehensive set of forms that effectively guide and facilitate completion of projects, ensure products are of consistent quality, and completed in a timely manner.

We extend our thanks to you, your staff, and the other officials we met for the hospitality and cooperation given to us during our review.

Sincerely,

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to the

**Los Angeles County MTA
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Recognizing that the organization's internal quality control system was suitably designed and operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance of compliance with *Government Auditing Standards* for engagements during the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

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ALGA Peer Review Committee Chair