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To: RIHUI ZHANG
Division Chief
Local Assistance

Date: June 30, 2015

File: P2535-0028

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From: LAURINE BOHAMERA, Chief
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Subject: **AUDIT OF ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

Attached is the audit report pertaining to the audit performed on Orange County Transportation Authority, relative to funding received from Caltrans using Proposition 1B (Prop 1B) State-Local Partnership Program funds. The name of the project audited is "Laguna Niguel/ Viejo Metrolink," EA No. R315GA. The Prop 1B programmed amount was $695,000. The audit was for the period of September 1, 2007, through October 31, 2014.

As required by the Governor's Executive Order S-02-07 and SB88, the expenditures of bond proceeds and outcomes are subject to audit. The audit was performed by the State Controller's Office on behalf of Caltrans. Deputy Directive 100-R1, "Departmental Responses to Audit Reports" cites responsibilities of Division Chiefs relative to audits performed. However, as this audit report did not disclose any deficiencies, there is no subsequent action required on your part.

If you have any questions, please contact Luisa Ruvalcaba, Audit Manager, at (916) 323-7888.

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ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Audit Report

STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM PROPOSITION 1B BOND-FUNDED PROJECT EA No. R315GA/P2535-0028

September 1, 2007, through October 31, 2014

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Laurine Bohamera, Chief
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Dear Ms. Bohamera:

The State Controller's Office (SCO) audited the Orange County Transportation Authority's (implementing agency) financial management system relative to projects funded and reimbursed by Proposition 1B bond funds during the audit period of September 1, 2007, through October 31, 2014.

The SCO performed the audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and based on audit procedures performed, we determined that the implementing agency's accounting system and internal controls appear adequate to accumulate and segregate reasonable, allocable, and allowable project costs as required by Title 2, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 225, and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Transportation Commission (Commission) program guidelines and agreements.

We audited the Proposition 1B bond-funded project, Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Metrolink, and determined that:

- The implementing agency complied with applicable federal and state procurement requirements as required by Title 49, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 18, and/or California Public Contract Code sections 10140-10141.

- The project costs incurred and reimbursed were in compliance with required Caltrans and Commission program guidelines, procedures, agreements, or approved amendments; contract provisions; and/or applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

- The project deliverables (outputs) and outcomes were consistent with the project scope, schedule, and benefits described in the executed project baseline agreements or approved amendments thereof.

Schedule 1 of this report is a summary of project costs programmed, approved, expended, and audited during the audit period.

Our audit did not disclose any findings.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Finlayson, Chief, State Agency Audits Bureau, by telephone at (916) 324-6310.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

JEFFREY V. BROWNFIELD, CPA
Chief, Division of Audits

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Audit Report

Summary

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The SCO performed the audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and based on audit procedures performed, we determined that the implementing agency's accounting system and internal controls appear adequate to accumulate and segregate reasonable, allocable, and allowable project costs as required by Title 2, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 225 (2 CFR 225), and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Transportation Commission (Commission) program guidelines and agreements.

We audited the Proposition 1B bond-funded project Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Metrolink and determined that:

- The implementing agency complied with applicable federal and state procurement requirements as required by Title 49, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 18 (49 CFR 18), and/or California Public Contract Code sections 10140–10141.
- The project costs incurred and reimbursed were in compliance with required Caltrans and Commission program guidelines, procedures, agreements, or approved amendments; contract provisions; and/or applicable state and federal laws and regulations.
- The project deliverables (outputs) and outcomes were consistent with the project scope, schedule, and benefits described in the executed project baseline agreements or approved amendments thereof.

Our audit did not disclose any findings.

Background

In accordance with Caltrans and Commission-executed project agreement(s) or approved amendments, the project, Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Metrolink, was programmed and approved to receive $695,000 in Proposition 1B bond funds, for one or more phases of work, under the State-Local Partnership program.

The implementing agency is responsible for implementation and successful completion of each project component and activities as defined in the project's agreements. The project's completion date was December 4, 2013.

This audit was performed by the SCO on behalf of Caltrans (Audit Request No. P2535-0030). The authority to conduct this audit is given by:

- Interagency Agreement No. 77A0027, dated December 1, 2007, between the SCO and Caltrans, which provides that the SCO will perform audits of project expenditures that were funded and reimbursed by the Proposition 1B Bond Fund to ensure compliance with Caltrans and Commission Proposition 1B program guidelines.

- Government Code section 12410, which states, "The Controller shall superintend the fiscal concerns of the state. The Controller shall audit all claims against the state, and may audit the disbursement of any state money, for correctness, legality, and for sufficient provisions of law for payment."

Objectives, Scope, and Methodology

The SCO audited the implementing agency's financial management system relative to projects funded and reimbursed by the Proposition 1B Bond Fund during the audit period of September 1, 2007, through October 31, 2014.

The objectives of our audit were to determine whether:

- The implementing agency's accounting system and internal controls were adequate to accumulate and segregate reasonable, allocable, and allowable project costs as required by 2 CFR 225, and Caltrans and Commission program guidelines, procedures, project agreements, or approved amendments.

- The implementing agency complied with applicable federal and state procurement requirements as required by 49 CFR 18, California Public Contract Code sections 10140–10141, and/or provisions stated in the contract.

- The project costs incurred and reimbursed were in compliance with required Caltrans and Commission program guidelines, procedures, agreements, or approved amendments; contract provisions; and/or applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

- The project deliverables (outputs) and outcomes were consistent with the project scope, schedule, and benefits described in the executed project baseline agreements or approved amendments thereof.

To achieve our audit objectives, we performed the following audit procedures:

- Reviewed the implementing agency's prior audits and single audit reports;

- Reviewed the implementing agency's written policies and procedures relating to accounting systems, construction project management, and contract management; and

- Interviewed employees, completed the internal control questionnaire, and performed a limited system walk-through in order to gain an understanding of the implementing agency's internal controls, accounting systems, timekeeping and payroll systems, and billing processes related to transportation projects; specifically, projects funded by Proposition 1B.

For the project under review, we performed the following audit procedures:

- Obtained project files and reviewed preliminary information to ensure that the implementing agency complied with applicable state and federal procurement requirements;
- Obtained project expenditure reports, selected a sample of activities that were funded by Proposition 1B, and obtained and reviewed supporting documentation to ensure that project expenditures were reasonable, allocable, and allowable in accordance with Caltrans and Commission program guidelines, procedures, agreements, and applicable state and federal requirements;
- Reviewed significant contract change orders to ensure that they were properly approved and supported;
- Reviewed project final reports, close-out documents, finance letters, and baseline agreements to ensure that variances or changes to the project's scope, schedule, costs, and benefits were properly approved and supported; and
- Reviewed the project payment history file and/or invoices sent to the Caltrans accounting office to ensure that the implementing agency properly prepared and/or billed Caltrans for reimbursement of project expenditures as required by Caltrans' local assistance procedures.

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

We did not audit the implementing agency's financial statements. We limited our audit scope to planning and performing audit procedures necessary to achieve our audit objectives.

Conclusion

We determined that the implementing agency's accounting system and internal controls appear adequate to accumulate and segregate reasonable, allocable, and allowable project costs as required by 2 CFR 225, and Caltrans and Commission program guidelines and agreements.

We audited the Proposition 1B bond-funded project, Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Metrolink, and determined that:

- The implementing agency complied with applicable federal and state procurement requirements required by 49 CFR 18, California Public Contract Code sections 10140–10141, and/or provisions stated in the contract.
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Our audit did not disclose any findings.

Views of Responsible Officials

We discussed our audit results with Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) representative during an exit conference conducted on May 20, 2015. Janet Sutter, OCTA Executive Director, Internal Audits, agreed with the audit results. Ms. Sutter declined a draft audit report and agreed that we could issue the audit report as final.

Restricted Use

This report is solely for the information and use of Orange County Transportation Authority, Caltrans, and the SCO; it is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

Original signed by

JEFFREY V. BROWNFIELD, CPA
Chief, Division of Audits

June 30, 2015

Schedule 1—
Summary of Project Costs
Approved, Expended, and Audited
September 1, 2007, through October 30, 2014

Project No./EA No.: Project ID No. 1213000020
EA No. R315GA

Project Information: OCTA: Laguna Niguel/Misson Viejo Metrolink

Project Financial Information:

Phases Reimbursed by Proposition 1B Bond Fund	Programmed and Approved	Expended	Audited
Construction Engineering	$ 44,000	$ 44,000	$ 44,000
Construction	651,000	651,000	651,000
Total	$ 695,000	$ 695,000	$ 695,000

Project Delivery Baseline:

Project Phase(s):	Baseline	Approved	Actual
Beginning construction	12/27/12	12/27/12	04/30/13
End construction	04/17/13	04/17/13	10/28/13
Beginning closeout	04/17/13	04/17/13	10/28/13
End closeout	06/17/13	06/17/13	04/01/14

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