

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**SINGLE AUDIT REPORT
For the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2023**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S 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

Board of Directors
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
Santa Barbara, 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 governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (the Association), as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Association’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 24, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Association’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 Association’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association’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 or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Association’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 statement. 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.

Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP

Santa Maria, California
January 24, 2024

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

<u>Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Program Identification Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Transportation</u>			
Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act*	20.223		<u>\$ 29,878,714</u>
Passed-Through State of California Department of Transportation:			
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster:			
FHWA Metropolitan Planning (PL) Funds*	20.205	CA-81-X003, Amendment 20	<u>1,077,842</u>
Total Highway Planning and Construction Cluster			<u>1,077,842</u>
FTA 49 USC Chapter 53 Section 5303 Funds	20.505	CA-81-X003, Amendment 20	218,263
FTA 49 USC Chapter 53 Section 5304 Funds	20.505	CA-81-X003, Amendment 20	174,310
Total Federal Transit Cluster			<u>392,573</u>
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			<u>31,349,129</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 31,349,129</u>

* Denotes a major federal award program.

See accompanying Note to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
NOTE TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements. The Association has not elected to use the ten percent de minimus cost rate as covered in Section 200.414 Indirect (F&A) costs of the Uniform Guidance.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND
ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Board of Directors
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
Santa Barbara, California

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' (the Association) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Association's major federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The Association's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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 audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance 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 Barbara County Association of Governments 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 each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' 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 Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' federal programs.

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 Barbara County Association of Governments' 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 generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance 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 Barbara County Association of Governments' compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, 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 Barbara County Association of Governments' 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 Barbara County Association of Governments' 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 Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' 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 a type of compliance requirement of a federal 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 a type of compliance requirement of a federal program 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 a federal program 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.

Report on Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon January 24, 2024, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Uniform Guidance 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 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 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 expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Moss, Remy & Halperin LLP

Santa Maria, California
January 24, 2024

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Section I – Summary of Auditors’ Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors’ report issued Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:
 Material weaknesses identified? _____ Yes X No

Significant deficiencies identified not considered
 to be material weaknesses? _____ Yes X None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? _____ Yes X No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:
 Material weaknesses identified? _____ Yes X No

Significant deficiencies identified not considered
 to be material weaknesses? _____ Yes X None reported

Type of auditors’ report issued on compliance for major
 programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be
 reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance _____ Yes X No

Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
<u>20.205</u>	<u>FHWA Metropolitan Planning Funds</u>
<u>20.223</u>	<u>Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act</u>

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A
 and Type B programs: \$ 750,000

Auditee qualify as low-risk auditee: X Yes _____ No

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

There were no audit findings or questioned costs.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
SUMMARY OF PRIOR FISCAL YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

There were no prior fiscal year audit findings or questioned costs.