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Long Beach City Auditor's Report Shows Measure A Generated \$521 Million and \$444 Million Has Been Spent with an Allocation of 60% to Public Safety and 40% to Infrastructure Projects

Long Beach, CA – Long Beach City Auditor Laura Doud today released the <u>City Auditor's Measure A Impact Summary Report</u>. The City of Long Beach (City) Measure A was a ballot measure approved by the voters in 2016 as a 10-year transactions and use (sales) tax to fund public safety and public infrastructure, and it was extended by the voters in 2020. Since its inception in 2017, Measure A has generated \$521 million in revenue. From Fiscal Years 2017 to 2024, the City has spent \$444 million of these Measure A funds with 60% spent on public safety and 40% supporting infrastructure projects. The remaining funds have been committed to infrastructure projects that will be spent over the life of the project.

Public safety received \$268 million (60%) of Measure A funds. Police services received \$168 million to restore and maintain public safety positions for patrol, emergency response, investigation, apprehension and law enforcement, and added new dedicated positions to Police Academies. The funding also reestablished the Police South Patrol Division and created a new Long Beach Neighborhood Safety Bike Team to engage with the community and address crime. The other \$90 million went to fire services including the restoration of Fire Engine 8, Engine 17, and paramedic positions. Additionally, \$10 million helped fund public safety dispatchers, communication technology, and administration.

Public infrastructure projects received \$176 million (40%) of Measure A funds with \$50 million of these funds spent on Citywide street, alley, and slurry seal projects.

"I am pleased a large portion of Measure A funds have been spent on street repairs as there is such a significant need for this throughout the City," said City Auditor Laura Doud. "Our recent Street Projects and Pavement Management Audit identified the need for more street projects funding as a third of Long Beach's streets were rated in poor or very poor condition. Despite current investments, the City will need at least an additional \$20 million funding annually over the next three years to improve the condition of our streets."

Other public infrastructure projects, completed or ongoing, funded by Measure A include:

- \$36 million on Citywide sidewalk improvements;
- \$39 million on improvements at 10 parks and tree maintenance;
- \$28 million on Public Safety facilities including the new Fire Station 9, Fire Station 14, and Police Academy improvements:
- \$21 million on Citywide facility improvements including Health buildings, the Emergency Shelter and libraries: and
- \$2 million on Marina, stormwater, and drain improvements.

The report also highlights the Transactions and Use Tax Citizens' Advisory Committee (Committee) advisory responsibility to periodically review and advise City Council regarding the use of Measure A revenue. The Committee, at any time, may submit reports and recommendations to the City Manager on how Measure A spending aligns with established priorities, for transmittal to City Council. Residents can provide input regarding Measure A spending during Committee meetings scheduled throughout the year, the City's Community Budget meetings, and City Council meetings. More information on these meetings which are open to the public can be found at LongBeach.gov/CityClerk/Meetings. Anticipated upcoming Committee meetings are planned for the end of August and October 2025.

"We encourage the public to be aware that they can provide valuable input regarding the use of Measure A funds to help create a safe and sustainable community," said City Auditor Laura Doud.

The visual City Auditor's Measure A Impact Summary Report can be viewed here. Printed copies can be requested by e-mail Auditor@longbeach.gov or by phone 562-570-6751. It will also be available in Spanish, Khmer, and Tagalog.

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