

Orange County Local Transportation Authority Ordinance No. 3
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SECTION 10. SAFEGUARDS OF USE OF REVENUES

The following safeguards are hereby established to ensure strict adherence to the limitations on the use of the Revenues:

1. A transportation special revenue fund (the "Local Transportation Authority Special Revenue Fund") shall be established to maintain all Revenues.
2. The County of Orange Auditor-Controller ("Auditor-Controller"), in the capacity as Chair of the Taxpayer Oversight Committee, shall annually certify whether the Revenues have been spent in compliance with the Ordinance.
3. Receipt, maintenance and expenditure of Net Revenues shall be distinguishable in each jurisdiction's accounting records from other funding sources, and expenditures of Net Revenues shall be distinguishable by program or project. Interest earned on Net Revenues allocated pursuant to the Ordinance shall be expended only for those purposes for which the Net Revenues were allocated.
4. No Net Revenues shall be used by a jurisdiction for other than transportation purposes authorized by the Ordinance. Any jurisdiction which violates this provision must fully reimburse the Authority for the Net Revenues misspent and shall be deemed ineligible to receive Net Revenues for a period of five (5) years.
5. A Taxpayer Oversight Committee ("Committee") shall be established to provide an enhanced level of accountability for expenditure of Revenues under the Ordinance. The Committee will help to ensure that all voter mandates are carried out as required. The roles and responsibilities of the Committee, the selection process for Committee members and related administrative procedures shall be carried out as described in Attachment C.
6. A performance assessment shall be conducted at least once every three years to evaluate the efficiency, effectiveness, economy and program results of the Authority in satisfying the provisions and requirements of the Investment Summary of the Plan, the Plan and the Ordinance. A copy of the performance assessment shall be provided to the Committee.
7. Quarterly status reports regarding the major projects detailed in the Plan shall be brought before the Authority in public meetings.
8. Annually the Authority shall publish a report on how all Revenues have been spent and on progress in implementing projects in the Plan, and shall publicly report on the findings.