



DECEMBER 10, 2009

AGENDA ITEM # **4**

POSTPONE ADOPTION OF NEW MEASURE A PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Action Requested: Approve one-year postponement

Key Staff: Brian Williams, Executive Director

Recommendation

Postpone adoption of **New** Measure A program performance standards until December 9, 2010.

Discussion

The **New** Measure A Ordinance requires that your Board adopt **performance** standards by December 31, 2009, to guide the expenditure of transportation sales tax funds. Staff proposes that your Board postpone adoption for one year. We recently commenced a second effort to solicit membership on the pending Measure A Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC), and anticipate the first committee meeting occurring next spring. Among other things, the ITOC is charged with conducting performance audits, reporting on progress in meeting the performance standards, and making recommendations for improving overall program performance. Staff feels that the ITOC will provide valuable assistance in developing the most useful types of standards for measuring and improving program performance.

Please note that *program* performance standards differ from *accounting and auditing* standards. Staff has already implemented accounting, auditing, and reporting processes to comply with generally accepted accounting practices (GAAP) and Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) protocols. These processes are also designed to satisfy new financial reporting requirements associated with the STA's recent bond issue. Beginning next year, the ITOC will review accounting and financial reports before they are presented to your Board.