

TDA PERFORMANCE AUDITS

The state of California requires recipients of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds to submit triennial performance audits. Nelson\Nygaard turns audits into opportunities for local and regional transit agencies to objectively assess their achievements, showcase their accomplishments and make practical recommendations to improve performance.

Transit Agencies and Operators

Nelson\Nygaard has a practical and realistic approach to TDA auditing. We develop a cooperative and constructive relationship with client agencies, stressing positive accomplishments and praiseworthy trends while comparing performance to an agency's own stated goals and objectives. The firm combines expertise in analysis with knowledge of state guidelines, then adds a unique twist: we initiate TDA performance audits with face-to-face client meetings. Our ability to look behind the numbers to explain trends and patterns allows us to develop realistic, implementable and easy-to-follow recommendations from our analysis.

Regional

Transportation Planning Agencies

Auditing regional transportation planning agencies requires a different approach. Nelson\Nygaard focuses on how these agencies fulfill their roles and responsibilities, and their regional effectiveness. We document compliance with TDA requirements and highlight key accomplishments. If there are areas where an agency has had difficulty fulfilling its mandates, we make recommendations for future improvements to the process.

TDA Handbooks and Manuals

Nelson\Nygaard guides clients through the often complex and difficult to understand language of TDA statutes. We have used our thorough understanding of state code to write handbooks and manuals that provide agencies a simplified and clearly worded resource for following TDA guidelines.



Recent Projects include:

- **Ventura County, California** — VCTC Performance Audit
- **Santa Barbara, California** — SBCAG Triennial Performance Audits
- **Monterey County, California** — TAMC Performance Audit