



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

February 7, 2022

Members of the Transportation Authority Board
Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority
Holland, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the remaining fund information of the **Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority** (the "Authority") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated February 7, 2022. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit

As communicated in our engagement letter dated December 6, 2021, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express opinions about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Authority solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

We have provided our findings regarding internal control over financial reporting and compliance noted during our audit in a separate letter to you dated February 7, 2022.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our engagement letter and in our meeting about planning matters on December 1, 2021.

Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, and our firm has complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

Qualitative Aspects of the Authority's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Authority is included in Note 1 to the financial statements.

There have been no initial selections of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during the year.

No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments.

The most sensitive accounting estimates affecting the financial statements were:

- Management's estimate of the useful lives of depreciable capital assets is based on the length of time it is believed that those assets will provide some economic benefit in the future.
- Management's estimate of the accrued compensated absences is based on current hourly rates and policies regarding payment of sick and vacation banks.

- Management's estimate of the allowance for uncollectible receivable balances is based on past experience and future expectation for collection of various account balances.

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop these estimates and determined that they are reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole and in relation to the applicable opinion units.

Significant Difficulties Encountered During the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole and each applicable opinion unit. In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. None of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the Authority's financial statements or the auditors' report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Representations Requested from Management

We have requested certain written representations from management, which are included in Attachment B to this letter.

Management's Consultations with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with the Authority, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the entity, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the Authority's auditors.

Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

Our responsibility for the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, as described by professional standards, is to evaluate the presentation of the supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole and to report on whether the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole. We made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Upcoming Changes in Accounting Standards

Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) are continually changing in order to promote the usability and enhance the applicability of information included in external financial reporting. While it would not be practical to include an in-depth discussion of every upcoming change in professional standards, Attachment A to this letter contains a brief overview of recent pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and their related effective dates. Management is responsible for reviewing these standards, determining their applicability, and implementing them in future accounting periods.

This information is intended solely for the use of the governing body and management of the Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lehmann Lohman LLC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Attachment A – Upcoming Changes in Accounting Standards / Regulations

For the September 30, 2021 Audit

The following pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) have been released recently and may be applicable to the Authority in the near future. We encourage management to review the following information and determine which standard(s) may be applicable to the Authority. For the complete text of these and other GASB standards, visit www.gasb.org and click on the “Standards & Guidance” tab. If you have questions regarding the applicability, timing, or implementation approach for any of these standards, please contact your audit team.

GASB 87 ■ Leases

Effective 06/15/2022 (your FY 2022)

This standard establishes a single model for reporting all leases (including those previously classified as operating and capital). Lessees will now report offsetting intangible lease assets and lease liabilities equal to the present value of future lease payments. Lessors will report offsetting lease receivables and deferred inflows of resources.

GASB 89 ■ Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period

Effective 12/15/2021 (your FY 2022)

This standard eliminates the requirement for governments to capitalize interest during the construction period for business-type activities. As this simplifies the accounting for interest, early implementation is encouraged. We do not expect this standard to have any significant effect on the Authority.

GASB 91 ■ Conduit Debt Obligations

Effective 12/15/2022 (your FY 2023)

This standard defines "conduit debt obligations", where a government issues debt whose proceeds are received and repaid by a third-party obligor without the issuer being primarily liable. The standard requires issuers to disclose conduit debt obligations, but not to record a liability unless it is more likely than not that a commitment made by the issuer will require it to support one or more debt payments for a conduit debt obligation. We do not expect this standard to have any significant effect on the Authority.

GASB 92 ■ Omnibus 2020

Effective 06/15/2022 (your FY 2022)

This standard includes a variety of small technical revisions to previously issued GASB statements. We do not expect this standard to have any significant effect on the Authority.

GASB 93 ■ Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates

Effective 06/15/2022 (your FY 2022)

This standard provides guidance to governments with agreements with variable payments tied to LIBOR, and how to transition them to a new reference rate. We do not expect this standard to have any significant effect on the Authority.

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GASB 94 ■ Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements

Effective 06/15/2023 (your FY 2023)

This standard addresses accounting and financial reporting for arrangements in which a government contracts with an operator to provide public services by conveying control of the right to operate or use a capital asset for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. We do not expect this standard to have any significant effect on the Authority.

GASB 96 ■ Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

Effective 06/15/2023 (your FY 2023)

This standard expands on the new guidance for leases and applies it to computer software contracts (subscriptions) with similar characteristics. Governments that subscribe to a vendor's IT software will now report offsetting intangible subscription assets and subscription liabilities equal to the present value of future subscription payments.

GASB 97 ■ Certain Component Unit Criteria and IRC Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans

Effective 06/15/2022 (your FY 2022)

This standard amends the requirements for when to report defined contribution pension plans (such as 401k and 403b plans) as fiduciary component units, and how to account for Section 457 deferred compensation plans.

GASB 98 ■ The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Effective 12/15/2021 (your FY 2022)

This Statement establishes the term "annual comprehensive financial report" and its acronym ACFR. That new term and acronym replace instances of "comprehensive annual financial report" and its acronym in generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments.



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■ Attachment B – Management Representations

For the September 30, 2021 Audit

The following pages contain the written representations that we requested from management.



**Macatawa Area Express
Transportation Authority**

February 7, 2022

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the remaining fund information of *Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority* (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing opinions on whether the basic financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows, where applicable, and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund of the Authority in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted for governments in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

We confirm that, having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves as of February 7, 2022:

Financial Statements

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated December 6, 2021, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of the various opinion units referred to above in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
2. The financial statements referred to above have been fairly presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and include all properly classified funds, required supplementary information, and notes to the basic financial statements.
3. We have reviewed and approved the various adjusting journal entries that were proposed by you for recording in our books and records and reflected in the financial statements.
4. With respect to any assistance you provided in drafting the financial statements and related notes, we have performed the following:
 - a. Made all management decisions and performed all management functions;
 - b. Assigned a competent individual to oversee the services;
 - c. Evaluated the adequacy of the services performed;
 - d. Evaluated and accepted responsibility for the result of the service performed; and
 - e. Established and maintained internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.

5. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
6. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
7. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
8. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP. For the purposes of this letter, related parties mean members of the governing body; board members; administrative officials; immediate families of administrative officials, board members, and members of the governing body; and any companies affiliated with or owned by such individuals.
9. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
10. The effects of all known actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
11. With regard to items reported at fair value:
 - a. The underlying assumptions are reasonable, and they appropriately reflect management's intent and ability to carry out its stated courses of action.
 - b. The measurement methods and related assumptions used in determining fair value are appropriate in the circumstances and have been consistently applied.
 - c. The disclosures related to fair values are complete, adequate, and in conformity with U.S. GAAP.
 - d. There are no subsequent events that require adjustments to the fair value measurements and disclosures included in the financial statements.
12. All component units, as well as joint ventures with an equity interest, are included and other joint ventures and related organizations are properly disclosed.
13. All funds and activities are properly classified.
14. All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*, and GASB Statement No. 37, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments: Omnibus*, for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are considered important to financial statement users.
15. All components of net position and fund balance classifications have been properly reported.
16. All revenues within the statement of activities have been properly classified as program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
17. All expenses have been properly classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations, if any, have been made on a reasonable basis.
18. All interfund and intra-entity transactions and balances have been properly classified and reported.
19. Deposit and investment risks have been properly and fully disclosed.
20. Capital assets, including infrastructure assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and if applicable, depreciated.
21. All required supplementary information is measured and presented within the prescribed guidelines.

22. In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19) to be a global pandemic. While the pandemic has resulted in an increase in the demands on the Authority for providing emergency services to its citizens, the Federal Government has also provided significant resources to help mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. The Authority directly received approximately \$1.0 million during fiscal year 2021 from various funding sources to be used to respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic through the CARES Act and other funding sources. This funding was used to provide relief in multiple areas such as personal protection equipment (PPE) programs, transportation costs, and payroll.

Information Provided

23. We have provided you with:
- a. Access to all information, of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of the various opinion units referred to above, such as records, documentation, meeting minutes, and other matters;
 - b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit; and
 - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
24. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
25. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
26. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:
- a. Management;
 - b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - c. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
27. We have no knowledge of any instances, that have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws and regulations that have a material effect on the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance, whether communicated by employees, former employees, vendors (contractors), regulators, or others.
28. We have no knowledge of any instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of noncompliance with provisions of contracts and grant agreements that has a material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
29. We have no knowledge of any instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred of abuse that could be quantitatively or qualitatively material to the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
30. We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
31. We have identified for you all previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
32. We have provided views on your reported audit findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as our planned corrective actions, for the report.

33. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements and we have not consulted legal counsel concerning litigation or claims.
34. We have disclosed to you the identity of the entity's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
35. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with or deficiencies in accounting, internal control, or financial reporting practices.
36. The government has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
37. We have disclosed to you all guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the government is contingently liable.
38. We have identified and disclosed to you the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that could have a direct and material effect on financial statement amounts, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
39. There are no:
 - a. Violations or possible violations of laws or regulations, or provisions of contracts or grant agreements whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, including applicable budget laws and regulations.
 - b. Unasserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with GASB Statement No. 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*.
 - c. Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by GASB Statement No. 62.
40. The government has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset or future revenue been pledged as collateral, except as disclosed to you.
41. We have complied with all aspects of grant agreements and other contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
42. We have disclosed to you all significant estimates and material concentrations known to management that are required to be disclosed in accordance with GASB Statement No. 62. Significant estimates are estimates at the balance sheet date that could change materially within the next year. Concentrations refer to volumes of business, revenues, available sources of supply, or markets or geographic areas for which events could occur that would significantly disrupt normal finances within the next year.

Supplementary Information in Relation to the Financial Statements as a Whole

43. With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements:
 - a. We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
 - b. We believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
 - c. The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.

- d. We believe the significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information, and the basis for our assumptions and interpretations, are reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances.

Required Supplementary Information

44. With respect to the required supplementary information accompanying the financial statements:
 - a. We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the required supplementary information in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
 - b. We believe the required supplementary information, including its form and content, is measured and fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
 - c. The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.
 - d. We believe the significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the required supplementary information, and the basis for our assumptions and interpretations, are reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances.

Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200)

45. With respect to federal awards, we represent the following to you:
 - a. We are responsible for understanding and complying with and have complied with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance.
 - b. We are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
 - c. We believe the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
 - d. The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.
 - e. We believe the significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and the basis for our assumptions and interpretations, are reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances.
 - f. We are responsible for including the auditor's report on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in any document that contains the schedule and that indicates that the auditor has reported on such information.
 - g. We have identified and disclosed all of our government programs and related activities subject to the Uniform Guidance compliance audit.
 - h. When the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is not presented with the audited financial statements, management will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards no later than the date of issuance by the entity of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the auditor's report thereon.

- i. We have, in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, identified in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, expenditures made during the audit period for all awards provided by federal agencies in the form of grants, federal cost-reimbursement contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other assistance.
- j. We are responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements related to each of our federal programs and have identified and disclosed to you the requirements of laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that are considered to have a direct and material effect on each major federal program; and we have complied, in all material respects, with these requirements.
- k. We have provided to you our interpretations of any compliance requirements that have varying interpretations.
- l. We are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance requirements applicable to federal programs that provide reasonable assurance that we are managing our federal awards in compliance with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that could have a material effect on our federal programs. Also, no changes have been made in the internal control system to the date of this letter that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action taken with regard to significant deficiencies, including material weaknesses, reported in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.
- m. We have made available to you all contracts and grant agreements (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence with federal agencies or pass-through entities relating to federal programs.
- n. We have received no requests from a federal agency to audit one or more specific programs as a major program.
- o. We have identified and disclosed to you all amounts questioned and any known noncompliance with the requirements of federal awards, including the results of other audits or program reviews. We also know of no instances of noncompliance occurring subsequent to the end of the period audited.
- p. We have charged costs to federal awards in accordance with applicable cost principles, including amounts claimed or used for matching determined in accordance with relevant guidelines in the Uniform Guidance.
- q. We have made available to you all documentation related to the compliance requirements, including information related to federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.
- r. Federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the basic financial statements have been prepared (and are prepared on a basis consistent with the schedule of expenditures of federal awards).
- s. The copies of federal program financial reports provided to you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to the respective federal agency or pass-through entity, as applicable.
- t. We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the summary schedule of prior audit findings to include all findings required to be included by the Uniform Guidance, and we have provided you with all information on the status of the follow-up on prior audit findings by federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, including all management decisions.
- u. We have disclosed to you the findings received and related corrective actions taken for previous audits, attestation engagements, and internal or external monitoring that directly relate to the

- objectives of the compliance audit, including findings received and corrective actions taken from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditor's report.
- v. We are responsible for and have accurately completed the appropriate sections of the Data Collection Form as required by the Uniform Guidance, and we are responsible for preparing and implementing a correction action plan for each audit finding.
 - w. The reporting package does not contain protected personally identifiable information.
 - x. We have disclosed all contracts or other agreements with service organizations and disclosed to you all communications from these service organizations relating to noncompliance at the organizations.
 - y. We have reviewed, approved, and taken responsibility for the financial statements and related notes.
 - z. We have disclosed to you the nature of any subsequent events that provide additional evidence with respect to conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period that affect noncompliance during the reporting period.



Lynn McCammon, Director of Finance



Elisa Hoekwater, Executive Director

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

February 7, 2022

Members of the Transportation Authority Board
Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority
Holland, Michigan

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the remaining fund information of the **Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority** (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Independent Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the remaining fund information of the Authority as of September 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements. The schedules required by the Michigan Bureau of Passenger Transportation (excluding the nonfinancial data schedules) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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 basic 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 to 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 information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The Michigan Bureau of Passenger Transportation Nonfinancial Data Schedules, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued, under separate cover, our report dated February 7, 2022 on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

MACATAWA AREA EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority (the "Authority"), we offer readers of the Authority's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Authority for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that is furnished in the financial statements and notes to the financial statements.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Authority exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$11,203,969 (net position). Of this amount, \$4,283,253 was unrestricted and may be used to meet the Authority's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Authority's total net position increased by \$167,290 from operations during fiscal 2021.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Authority's General Fund reported an ending fund balance of \$4,308,427, an increase of \$1,040,011.
- Total fund balance was 90.0% of total General Fund expenditures.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Authority's basic financial statements. The Authority's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information required by the Michigan Bureau of Passenger Transportation (BPT) in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide Financial Statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Authority's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the Authority's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Authority that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities of the Authority are all classified as public transportation. The Authority has no business-type activities.

Fund Financial Statements. A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Authority, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Authority can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds.

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Governmental Funds. *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and change in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The Authority maintains one individual governmental fund, the General Fund. Information is presented in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and change in fund balance.

The Authority adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund. The budgetary comparison statement has been provided herein to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Proprietary Funds. The Authority maintains one type of proprietary fund. The *Internal Service Fund* is used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the Authority's various functions. The Authority uses an internal service fund to account for compensated absences of the Authority. Because these services predominately benefit governmental rather than business-type functions, they have been included within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Supplementary Information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain information required by the Michigan Bureau of Passenger Transportation.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Government-wide Financial Analysis

Statement of Net Position

As previously stated, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Authority, assets exceeded liabilities by \$11,203,969 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

	Governmental Activities	
	2021	2020
Current and other assets	\$ 4,732,944	\$ 3,657,052
Capital assets, net	8,338,563	9,170,880
Total assets	13,071,507	12,827,932
Long-term debt	1,585,583	1,579,996
Other liabilities	281,955	211,257
Total liabilities	1,867,538	1,791,253
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	6,920,716	7,753,033
Unrestricted	4,283,253	3,283,646
Total net position	\$ 11,203,969	\$ 11,036,679

A substantial portion of the Authority's net position, \$6,920,716 (61.8 percent), reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, vehicles, machinery and equipment). The Authority uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending.

The Authority may use the remaining balance of unrestricted net position of \$4,283,253 (38.2 percent) to meet its ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Authority is able to report positive balances in both categories of net position.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Statement of Activities

	Governmental Activities	
	2021	2020
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 27,636	\$ 153,216
Operating grants and contributions	4,600,841	3,484,579
Capital grants and contributions	135,615	1,678,032
General revenues:		
Property taxes	1,014,423	979,168
Unrestricted investment earnings	2,391	20,492
Total revenues	<u>5,780,906</u>	<u>6,315,487</u>
Expenses:		
Public transportation	<u>5,613,616</u>	<u>5,647,142</u>
Change in net position	167,290	668,345
Net position, beginning of year	11,036,679	10,368,334
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 11,203,969</u>	<u>\$ 11,036,679</u>

The Authority's net position increased by \$167,290 during the current fiscal year. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) pays transit agencies, by formula, a percentage of their eligible expenses under Act 51 up to a maximum of 60% for Small Urban and Rural Transit agencies and a maximum of 40% for Large Urban agencies. The Authority is a Small Urban Agency and is eligible to receive up to 60% of its eligible expenses under Act 51. MDOT estimates the available revenue and determines the percentage paid to agencies. At the end of its fiscal year, MDOT then reconciles expenses and transit agencies are asked to either pay back overpayments or receive additional funding based on eligible expenses. A second time after all audits are received from transit agencies, MDOT performs the reconciliation process again and transit agencies are either asked to pay back overpayments or receive additional funding. Below is a five year history of the percentages paid by MDOT to transit agencies for operating assistance: 2017 - 39.00%, 2018 - 39.20%, 2019 - 38.07%, 2020 - 36.79%, 2021 - 37.54%.

Capital grant revenue decreased by \$1,542,417 from prior fiscal year as a result of reduced grant activity in the current year.

Operating grants and contributions increased \$1,116,262 as a result of higher Federal and State operating assistance from the prior year. The Authority chose to reallocate a large portion of their Federal operating assistance in the prior fiscal year to capital funding as they were awarded additional operating assistance from the CARES Act grant. The current year's Federal operating assistance is more in line with that of previous year's.

Charges for services decreased by \$125,580 from prior fiscal year due to the Authority not charging for fares beginning in April 2020 (partial year) and continuing through the entire fiscal year 2021 as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. The \$27,636 is made up of revenues from advertising, intercity ticket sales, and rental of building space.

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Expenses totaled \$5,613,616 and are consistent with the prior fiscal year. The Authority estimated fiscal year 2021 operating expenses based on full staffing. Due to COVID, competition for qualified candidates, and labor market placing pressure on increasing regional wages, the Authority did not hire the bus operators needed to be fully staffed. Starting wages were increased in August 2021 - but this was not soon enough in the fiscal year and positions remained unfilled.

Financial Analysis of the Authority's Funds

As noted earlier, the Authority uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

The overall results of General Fund operations were an increase in fund balance of \$1,040,011. The growth was a result of lower expenditures and an increase in grant revenues. Contributing to the increase in grant revenues was the COVID related funding and competitive grant funds awarded to the Authority.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The original revenue and other financing sources budget was \$4,919,770 and as amended was \$10,226,550 which represents an increase of \$5,306,780. The original expenditure budget was \$4,919,770 and as amended was \$9,839,622 which represents an increase of \$4,919,852. The primary reason for the increase in revenues and expenditures in the amended budgets was due to the carryover of federal and state grant funding. The Authority budgets for the full amount of grant revenue and expenditures in the year the grant is awarded even though the projects can span multiple years, which resulted in grant revenue and capital outlay expenditures being less than the final amended budget.

Actual expenditures came in \$5,052,073 less than the amended budget. This is primarily due to timing of planned capital investment. Disruptions in service related to COVID-19 also contributed to lower routine operations expenditures. Actual revenues were \$4,415,975 lower than the amended budget. This reflects timing of revenue recognition related to awarded grants.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets. The Authority invested \$105,104 in buildings, machinery and equipment and vehicles during the fiscal period to service Authority users.

	Governmental Activities	
	2021	2020
Land	\$ 249,289	\$ 249,289
Land improvements, net	350,590	386,961
Buildings, equipment and vehicles, net	7,738,684	8,534,630
Total capital assets, net	\$ 8,338,563	\$ 9,170,880

Additional information on the Authority's capital assets can be found in Note 6 of this report.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Long-term Debt. During 2020, the Authority entered into a \$1,417,847 state infrastructure bank loan due on December 30, 2021.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates

In May 2021, the voters renewed the 0.40 millage tax rate. Overall property values are increasing significantly but taxable value increases are limited to the rate of inflation per State law. Since before the COVID-19 pandemic, retaining current staff and attracting qualified talent has been a concern for many employers, including the Authority. Employee recruitment involved online advertising, employee referrals, and sign on bonuses for candidates holding a CDL. Despite these efforts, the Authority continues to be short-staffed in entry level positions, such as Utility Workers, Building Specialists, and Bus Operators.

The carry over of grant funding to fiscal year 2021 allows for the replacement of buses, keeping the fleet in good working condition to meet the growing transportation needs of the public. The Authority placed an order to replace aging service vehicles and maintain a State of Good Repair. Procurement was delayed 18 months due to supply challenges which are expected to continue through the next fiscal year. Grant funds have also been used for the renovation of the Padnos Transportation Center/Depot building and to construct bus shelters at fixed route stop locations.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority finances for all those with an interest in the Authority's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Ms. Julie Ziurinkas, Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority, 270 River Ave., Holland, Michigan 49423.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MACATAWA AREA EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Statement of Net Position

September 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 4,372,124
Receivables, net	269,545
Prepaid items	91,275
Capital assets:	
Not being depreciated	249,289
Being depreciated, net	<u>8,089,274</u>
Total assets	<u>13,071,507</u>
Liabilities	
Payables	277,819
Unearned revenue	4,136
Long-term debt, due within one year	<u>1,585,583</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,867,538</u>
Net position	
Net investment in capital assets	6,920,716
Unrestricted	<u>4,283,253</u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 11,203,969</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Functions / Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue	
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions		Capital Grants and Contributions
Governmental activities					
Public transportation	\$ 5,613,616	\$ 27,636	\$ 4,600,841	\$ 135,615	\$ (849,524)
General revenues					
Property taxes					1,014,423
Investment earnings - unrestricted					2,391
Total general revenues					<u>1,016,814</u>
Change in net position					167,290
Net position, beginning of year					<u>11,036,679</u>
Net position, end of year					<u>\$ 11,203,969</u>

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Balance Sheet

Governmental Fund

September 30, 2021

	General Fund
Assets	
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 4,204,388
Receivables:	
Accounts	9,614
Taxes, net	40,380
Due from other governmental units	219,551
Prepaid items	<u>91,275</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,565,208</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 33,922
Accrued payroll and benefits	45,644
Due to other governmental units	148,038
Unearned revenue	<u>4,136</u>
Total liabilities	<u>231,740</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	<u>25,041</u>
Fund balance	
Nonspendable - prepaids	91,275
Unassigned	<u>4,217,152</u>
Total fund balance	<u>4,308,427</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance	<u>\$ 4,565,208</u>

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Reconciliation

Fund Balance for Governmental Fund
to Net Position of Governmental Activities
September 30, 2021

Fund balance - governmental fund \$ 4,308,427

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of net position
are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources,
and therefore are not reported in the fund statement.

Capital assets not being depreciated	249,289
Capital assets being depreciated, net	8,089,274

Certain liabilities, such as notes payable, are not due and payable in the current
period and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Loan payable	(1,417,847)
Accrued interest on loan payable	(50,215)

The focus of governmental funds is on short-term financing. Accordingly, some
assets will not be available to pay for current-period expenditures. Those
assets (such as certain receivables) are offset by deferred inflows of resources
in the governmental funds, and thus are not included in fund balance.

Unavailable property taxes	<u>25,041</u>
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Net position of governmental activities \$ 11,203,969

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance

Governmental Fund

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	General Fund
Revenues	
Property taxes	\$ 1,011,997
Passenger fares	15
Intergovernmental:	
Federal	2,491,571
State	2,104,417
Local	140,468
Charges for services	27,621
Interest income	2,391
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Total revenues	5,778,480
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Expenditures	
Current:	
Public transportation:	
Management and administration	737,629
Personal services - customer service and marketing	433,518
Routine operations	2,825,888
Maintenance	654,727
Capital outlay	135,787
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Total expenditures	4,787,549
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Revenues over expenditures	990,931
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Other financing sources	
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	14,068
Insurance recoveries	35,012
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Total other financing sources	49,080
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Net change in fund balance	1,040,011
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Fund balance, beginning of year	3,268,416
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Fund balance, end of year	\$ 4,308,427
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

MACATAWA AREA EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Reconciliation

Net Change in Fund Balance of Governmental Fund
to Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Net change in fund balance - governmental fund \$ 1,040,011

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of activities
are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the
statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their
estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Purchase of capital assets	105,104
Depreciation expense	(873,764)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	(14,068)
Loss from sale of capital assets	(49,589)

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current
financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the funds.

Change in accrued interest on loan payable	(42,830)
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Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial
resources are not reported as revenues in the funds, but rather are deferred
to the following fiscal year.

Net change in unavailable property taxes	<u>2,426</u>
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Change in net position of governmental activities \$ 167,290

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance

Budget and Actual - General Fund

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Actual Over (Under) Final Budget
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 939,500	\$ 1,082,000	\$ 1,011,997	\$ (70,003)
Passenger fares	253,800	300	15	(285)
Intergovernmental:				
Federal	1,270,074	7,039,883	2,491,571	(4,548,312)
State	1,729,705	1,804,356	2,104,417	300,061
Local	109,000	241,500	140,468	(101,032)
Charges for services	42,500	24,124	27,621	3,497
Interest income	20,000	2,292	2,391	99
Total revenues	<u>4,364,579</u>	<u>10,194,455</u>	<u>5,778,480</u>	<u>(4,415,975)</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Public transportation:				
Management and administration	714,750	757,676	737,629	(20,047)
Personal services - customer service and marketing	351,000	525,784	433,518	(92,266)
Routine operations	3,255,570	3,153,760	2,825,888	(327,872)
Maintenance	598,450	691,052	654,727	(36,325)
Capital outlay	-	4,711,350	135,787	(4,575,563)
Total expenditures	<u>4,919,770</u>	<u>9,839,622</u>	<u>4,787,549</u>	<u>(5,052,073)</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(555,191)</u>	<u>354,833</u>	<u>990,931</u>	<u>636,098</u>
Other financing sources				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	5,000	5,000	14,068	9,068
Insurance recoveries	550,191	27,095	35,012	7,917
Total other financing sources	<u>555,191</u>	<u>32,095</u>	<u>49,080</u>	<u>16,985</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	386,928	1,040,011	653,083
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>3,268,416</u>	<u>3,268,416</u>	<u>3,268,416</u>	-
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 3,268,416</u>	<u>\$ 3,655,344</u>	<u>\$ 4,308,427</u>	<u>\$ 653,083</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Net Position

Proprietary Fund

September 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities	Internal Service Fund
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 167,736	
Liabilities		
Current liabilities:		
Compensated absences		<u>167,736</u>
Net position		
Unrestricted		<u>\$ -</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Fund Net Position

Proprietary Fund

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities
	Internal Service Fund
Operating revenues	
Charges for services	\$ 151,606
Operating expenses	
Personal services	<u>151,606</u>
Change in net position	-
Net position, beginning of year	<u>-</u>
Net position, end of year	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Proprietary Fund

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities
	Internal Service Fund
Cash flows from operating activities	
Receipts from providing interfund services	\$ 151,606
Payments to employees	<u>(146,019)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	5,587
Cash and pooled investments, beginning of year	<u>162,149</u>
Cash and pooled investments, end of year	<u><u>\$ 167,736</u></u>
Reconciliation of change in fund net position to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Change in net position	\$ -
Adjustment to reconcile change in net position to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Change in:	
Compensated absences	<u>5,587</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>\$ 5,587</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MACATAWA AREA EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Notes to Financial Statements

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority (the "Authority") have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Authority's accounting policies are described below.

Reporting Entity

The Authority is a municipal corporation governed by an elected, nine-member Authority Board. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the financial position and related activity for the Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority. The Authority was formed on July 1, 2007 from the former Macatawa Area Transportation System enterprise fund of the City of Holland, Michigan (the "City"). The Authority has no component units and is not reported as a component unit of any other governmental unit.

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as is the internal service fund. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. After March 1, any delinquent taxes on real property are paid by the County which is responsible for collecting any outstanding taxes on real property as of that date. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

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Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Intergovernmental revenue, charges for services and interest are all considered to be susceptible to accrual if collected within 180 days of fiscal year end. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Property taxes, intergovernmental revenue, charges for services and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and as such have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Authority.

The Authority reports the following major governmental fund:

The *General Fund* is the Authority's primary operating fund. It accounts for all the financial resources of the Authority, except those accounted for and reported in another fund.

Additionally, the Authority reports the following fund type:

The *Internal Service Fund* is used to report the financing of services provided by the Authority on a cost reimbursement basis, specifically the accumulation of funds for future payments of compensated absences.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Authority's internal service fund are charges to the General Fund for payments of compensated absences. Operating expenses for the internal service fund include the cost of services. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Restricted net position consists of assets that are subject to restrictions beyond the government's control. The restrictions may be externally imposed or imposed by law. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

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Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Equity

Cash and Pooled Investments

The Authority considers cash and pooled investments to be cash and cash equivalents for statement of cash flow purposes. Investments within pooled cash and investments are not identifiable to specific funds and the assets can be withdrawn at anytime similar to a demand deposit account.

Investments displayed on the financial statement and included in the cash and pooled investment caption are recorded at fair value.

State statutes and Authority policy authorize the Authority to invest in:

Bonds, securities, other obligations and repurchase agreements of the United States, or an agency or instrumentality of the United States.

Certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts or depository receipts of a qualified financial institution.

Commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the two highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and that matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase.

Bankers' acceptances of United States banks.

Obligations of the State of Michigan and its political subdivisions, that, at the time of purchase are rated as investment grade by at least one standard rating service.

Mutual funds registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 with the authority to purchase only investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by a public corporation.

External investment pools as authorized by Public Act 20 as amended through December 31, 1997.

Receivables

All receivables are recorded at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

Due From Other Governmental Units

Amounts due from other governments include amounts due from grantors for specific programs and capital projects. Program and capital grants are recorded as receivables and revenue at the time reimbursable costs are incurred. Revenues received in advance of costs being incurred are reported as unearned revenue.

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Prepaid Items

The Authority made certain payments to vendors prior to year-end for services that will be performed in the next fiscal year. In these situations, the Authority records an asset to reflect the investment in future services.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets having a useful life in excess of two years and whose initial cost exceeds \$500. Capital assets are stated at historical cost or estimated historical cost where actual cost information is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated acquisition cost as of the donation date.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets, as applicable.

Depreciation on the capital assets (including infrastructure) of the primary government is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	Years
Land improvements	15-20
Buildings	15-45
Machinery and equipment	5-15
Office furniture and equipment	5-20
Vehicles	7-10

The eligible depreciation of \$137,915, reported in the supplementary expenditure schedules required by the Michigan Bureau of Passenger Transportation (BPT), includes only the depreciation of assets purchased with local funds where the useful life of the asset purchased has been approved by the BPT.

Compensated Absences

It is the Authority's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused paid time off and compensatory time benefits, subject to certain limitations. All vacation and compensatory time pay is accrued when incurred.

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Property Taxes

Properties are assessed as of December 31 and become a lien at that time. The related property taxes are levied and billed on July 1 of the following year, and are due without penalty on or before August 15. Summer tax bills include the Authority's property taxes. Real property taxes that have not been collected as of March 1 are turned over to Ottawa and Allegan Counties for collection. The counties advance the Authority 100 percent for the delinquent real property taxes. Collection of delinquent personal property and industrial facilities taxes remains the responsibility of the Authority.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting, from property tax receivables. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

Fund Equity

Governmental funds report nonspendable fund balance for amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Restricted fund balance is reported when externally imposed constraints are placed on the use of resources by grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Committed fund balance is reported for amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Authority Board (the government's highest level of decision-making authority). A formal resolution of the Authority Board is required to establish, modify, or rescind a fund balance commitment. The Authority reports assigned fund balance for amounts that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The Authority currently has no assigned fund balance, as the Authority Board has not yet given the authority for the making of such assignments. Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund.

When the government incurs an expenditure for purposes for which various fund balance classifications can be used, it is the government's policy to use restricted fund balance first, then committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and finally unassigned fund balance.

Risk Management

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, employee injuries (workers' compensation), as well as medical benefits provided to employees. The buildings occupied by the Authority are owned by the City of Holland and are insured by the City. Building contents, general liability and vehicles are insured by commercial policies owned by the Authority.

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Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

2. BUDGETARY INFORMATION

The Authority follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. The Authority's Executive Director is responsible for submitting the proposed operating budget for the following fiscal year to the Authority Board. The Authority Board, during its review, holds a public hearing to obtain taxpayer comments. The budget is legally enacted by resolution of the Authority Board.
2. The Authority Financial Officer is authorized to transfer budget amounts between accounts within the same department of any fund upon written request by a department or division head and approval by the Authority's Executive Director. Any revisions that alter total appropriations of any fund must be approved by the Authority Board. Budgeted appropriations lapse each year; however, appropriations for continuing projects and programs which the Authority intends to complete are included in the budget of the ensuing year.
3. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended by the Authority Board during the year. The budgets have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Supplemental appropriations were necessary during the year.
4. The budget has been adopted on a department level basis; expenditures at this level in excess of amounts budgeted are a violation of Michigan law.
5. Annual budgets are legally adopted for the General Fund as required by the Uniform Budgeting Act (P.A. 621 of 1978) of the State of Michigan.
6. Informal annual budgets are also adopted for the internal service fund.

State statutes provide that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated.

3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The Authority reported cash and pooled investments as of September 30, 2021 under the following classifications:

Cash and pooled investments	<u>\$ 4,372,124</u>
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For note disclosure purposes, these amount are classified as follows:

Petty cash	\$ 900
Checking and savings accounts	2,458,412
Certificates of deposit (due within one year)	901,503
Investments - Michigan CLASS government investment pool	<u>1,011,309</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,372,124</u>

Investment and Deposit Risk

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits might not be returned. State law does not require and the Authority's investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of state law pertaining to custodial credit risk. As of year-end, \$2,448,798 of the Authority's bank balance of \$3,448,798 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments. For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Authority will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State law does not require and the Authority does not have a policy for investment custodial credit risk which is more restrictive than state law.

Credit Risk. State law limits investments to specific government securities, certificates of deposits and bank accounts with qualified financial institutions, commercial paper with specific maximum maturities and ratings when purchased, bankers' acceptances of specific financial institutions, qualified mutual funds and qualified external investment pools as identified in the summary of significant accounting policies. The Authority's investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of state law pertaining to investment credit risk. The Authority's investments consist of deposits in the Michigan CLASS government investment pool and are rated at AAAM by S&P Global Ratings Services.

Interest Rate Risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that the market rate of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in market interest rates. State law limits the allowable investments and the maturities of some of the allowable investments as identified in the summary of significant accounting policies. The Authority's investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of state law on investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The Authority's investments consist of deposits in the Michigan CLASS government investment pool that does not mature.

Concentration of Credit Risk. Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the Authority's investment in a single issuer. State law limits allowable investments but does not limit concentration of credit risk as identified in the list of authorized investments in the summary of significant accounting policies. All of the Authority's investments are in the Michigan CLASS government investment pool as noted above.

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Fair Value Measurement

The Authority holds shares in the Michigan CLASS government investment pool whereby the fair value of the investment is measured on a recurring basis using net asset value per share (or its equivalent) of the investment pool as a practical expedient.

At year end, the net asset value of the Authority's investment in Michigan CLASS government investment pool was \$1,011,309. The investment pool had no unfunded commitments, specific redemption frequency or redemption notice period required. The Michigan CLASS government investment pool invests in U.S. treasury obligations, federal agency obligations of the U.S. government, high-grade commercial paper (rated 'A-1' or better) collateralized bank deposits, repurchase agreements (collateralized at 102% by Treasuries and agencies), and approved money-market funds. The program seeks to provide safety, liquidity, convenience, and competitive rates of return, and is designed to meet the needs of Michigan public sector investors. It purchases securities that are legally permissible under state statutes and are available for investment by Michigan counties, cities, townships, school districts, authorities and other public agencies.

4. RECEIVABLES AND DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES

Receivables are comprised of the following at year-end:

Accounts	\$	9,614
Taxes *		40,380
Due from other governmental units		<u>219,551</u>
Total	\$	<u><u>269,545</u></u>

* Net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$2,556.

Governmental funds report deferred inflows of resources in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. At the end of the current fiscal year, deferred inflows of resources reported in the General Fund for property taxes receivable was \$25,041.

5. PAYABLES

Payables are comprised of the following at year-end:

Accounts payable	\$	33,922
Accrued payroll and benefits		45,644
Due to other governmental units		148,038
Accrued interest		<u>50,215</u>
Total	\$	<u><u>277,819</u></u>

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6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the Authority for the year ended September 30, 2021, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 249,289	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 249,289
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Land improvements	756,481	-	-	-	756,481
Buildings	5,147,611	46,082	-	-	5,193,693
Machinery and equipment	849,639	59,022	(65,852)	-	842,809
Office furniture and equipment	93,332	-	-	-	93,332
Vehicles	8,210,527	-	(1,858,745)	-	6,351,782
	<u>15,057,590</u>	<u>105,104</u>	<u>(1,924,597)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,238,097</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Land improvements	(369,520)	(36,371)	-	-	(405,891)
Buildings	(839,921)	(119,912)	-	-	(959,833)
Machinery and equipment	(610,341)	(36,801)	2,195	-	(644,947)
Office furniture and equipment	(73,656)	(7,822)	-	-	(81,478)
Vehicles	(4,242,561)	(672,858)	1,858,745	-	(3,056,674)
	<u>(6,135,999)</u>	<u>(873,764)</u>	<u>1,860,940</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,148,823)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>8,921,591</u>	<u>(768,660)</u>	<u>(63,657)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,089,274</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 9,170,880</u>	<u>\$ (768,660)</u>	<u>\$ (63,657)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,338,563</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental activities:

Public transportation \$ 873,764

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7. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt activity for the Authority for the year ended September 30, 2021, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Loan payable	\$ 1,417,847	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,417,847	\$ 1,417,847
Compensated absences	162,149	151,606	(146,019)	167,736	167,736
	<u>\$ 1,579,996</u>	<u>\$ 151,606</u>	<u>\$ (146,019)</u>	<u>\$ 1,585,583</u>	<u>\$ 1,585,583</u>

In May 2020, the Authority entered into a \$1,417,847 state infrastructure bank loan with interest of 2.50% with the Michigan Department of Transportation. The outstanding principal balance is payable in one installment plus accrued interest on December 30, 2021. Proceeds from the loan were used for bus and vehicle purchases. During the year ended September 30, 2021, no interest expense was paid on this loan.

8. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

In the normal course of its activities, the Authority has become a party in various legal actions, including property tax assessment appeals. Management of the Authority is of the opinion that the outcome of such actions will not have a material effect on the financial position of the Authority and, therefore, has not reflected loss reserves in the financial statements.

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor programs, principally the Federal and State governments. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the transit agency. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the Authority expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

9. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

The Authority participates in a defined contribution retirement plan which is administered by the Michigan Employees' Retirement System of Michigan (MERS) for nonbargaining employees. The defined contribution provisions of the plan require the Authority to contribute up to 8% of covered employee payroll. The participants direct their investments under defined contribution provisions. The Authority contributed \$183,419 and employees contributed \$43,957 to the defined contribution plan.

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10. COST ALLOCATION PLAN

The Authority maintains a cost allocation plan for which the methodology has been approved by the Michigan Bureau of Passenger Transportation (BPT). The allocation plan is for the Section 5310 Services. This cost allocation plan was adhered to in the preparation of the financial statements. There is no cost allocation plan in place for the charter services due to the fact that; 1) the trolley was purchased with all local funds; 2) the Authority maintains a separate operating and revenue budget for the charter services; and 3) the expenses for the charter services are subtracted out as ineligible for the purpose of calculating State operating assistance.

11. LEASE COMMITMENT

The Authority leases the Padnos Transportation Center from the City for \$1 per year. The current lease term expires at June 30, 2022. The lease automatically renews each June 30 for an indefinite term, unless either party gives notice of termination to the other party at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the current lease term in effect at the time of the notice. The City has title to this building and all improvements, fixtures or other types of fixed property appurtenant to the buildings and property located thereon. The Authority is responsible for insurance on building content, but is not required to pay real estate taxes. The building is insured through the City's self-insurance pool.

12. TAX ABATEMENTS

The City of Holland and Holland Charter Township have offered tax incentives and abatements to create jobs, stimulate investment, provide affordable housing, rehabilitate existing residential, commercial and industrial properties, clean up environmentally contaminated properties, redevelop functionally obsolete properties, encourage high tech innovation, and enhance economic growth in the region.

Several incentive programs provided by the City of Holland and Holland Charter Township as of December 31, 2020, and the amount of taxes abated for each of the programs for the year ended September 30, 2021, were as follows:

Industrial Facility Tax Exemption (IFT)	\$	5,927
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)		5,323
New Personal Property Exemption		602
Michigan Renaissance Zone		17,144
Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act		<u>20,910</u>
	\$	<u>49,906</u>

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13. NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS

The composition of the Authority's net investment in capital assets as of September 30, 2021, was as follows:

Capital assets:	
Capital assets not being depreciated	\$ 249,289
Capital assets being depreciated, net	8,089,274
Related debt:	
Loan payable	<u>(1,417,847)</u>
	<u>\$ 6,920,716</u>

14. CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19) to be a global pandemic. While the pandemic has resulted in an increase in the demands on the Authority for providing emergency services to its citizens, the Federal Government has also provided significant resources to help mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. The Authority directly received approximately \$1.0 million during fiscal year 2021 from various funding sources to be used to respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic through the CARES Act and other funding sources. This funding was used to provide relief in multiple areas such as personal protection equipment (PPE) programs, transportation costs, and payroll.



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**MICHIGAN BUREAU OF PASSENGER
TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULES**

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Federal and State Agency / Pass-Through Grantor / Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-through / Grantor Number	Program Award Amount
U.S. Department of Transportation			
Direct assistance:			
Federal Transit Operating Grant - Section 5307	20.507	MI-2021-010	\$ 376,146
Federal Transit Operating Grant - Section 5307	20.507	MI-2021-010	1,270,684
COVID-19 Federal Transit Cares Act Operating Grant - Section 5307	20.507	MI-2020-039	2,711,726
COVID-19 Federal Transit Cares Act Federal Planning Assistance Grant - Section 5307	20.507	MI-2020-039	20,000
COVID-19 Capital Grant - Section 5310	20.507	MI-2020-039	1,410,200
Capital Grant - Section 5310	20.507	MI-2018-026	534,065
Capital Grant - Section 5310	20.507	MI-2019-033	142,489
Passed through the Michigan Department of Transportation:			
New Freedom program:			
Operating assistance	20.513	2017-0084/P11	142,500
Operating assistance	20.513	2017-0084/P7	2,500
Operating - Mobility Management	20.513	2017-0084/P11	70,000
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			<u>6,680,310</u>
Michigan Department of Transportation			
Operating assistance - Act 51:			
Year ended September 30, 2021	n/a	n/a	1,724,618
Year ended September 30, 2020	n/a	n/a	166,899
Year ended September 30, 2019	n/a	n/a	84,949
Year ended September 30, 2017	n/a	n/a	20,133
Total Michigan Department of Transportation			<u>1,996,599</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal and State Awards			<u>\$ 8,676,909</u>



Current Year Expenditures					
Total	Federal	State	Local	Prior Year's Expenditures	Award Amount Remaining
\$ 16,001	\$ 16,001	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360,145	\$ -
1,270,684	1,270,684	-	-	-	-
900,000	900,000	-	-	950,000	861,726
-	-	-	-	-	20,000
85,220	85,220	-	-	43,886	1,281,094
48,503	38,801	9,702	-	311,576	173,986
1,892	1,514	378	-	122,489	18,108
142,500	142,500	-	-	-	-
2,500	2,500	-	-	-	-
42,941	34,351	8,590	-	-	27,059
<u>2,510,241</u>	<u>2,491,571</u>	<u>18,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,788,096</u>	<u>2,381,973</u>
1,724,618	-	1,724,618	-	-	-
166,899	-	166,899	-	-	-
84,949	-	84,949	-	-	-
20,133	-	20,133	-	-	-
<u>1,996,599</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,996,599</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>\$ 4,506,840</u>	<u>\$ 2,491,571</u>	<u>\$ 2,015,269</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,788,096</u>	<u>\$ 2,381,973</u>

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Schedule of Operating Revenues

Urban Regular Service

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Code	Description	Total
401/402: Farebox revenues		
40100	Passenger fares	\$ -
40200	Contract fares	-
	Total farebox revenues	<u>-</u>
405: Charter		
40500	Charter service	-
	Total charter revenues	<u>-</u>
406: Auxiliary transit revenues		
40615	Advertising	10,692
40620	Intercity ticket sales	1,624
40699	Other auxiliary transit revenues (cash short/over, nsf charges)	6,109
	Total auxiliary transit revenues	<u>18,425</u>
407: Non-transit revenues		
40720	Rental of buildings and other property	15,305
40760	Gains from sale of capital assets	14,068
40799	Other non-transit revenues (insurance recoveries)	28,918
	Total non-transit revenues	<u>58,291</u>
408/409: Local revenues		
40800	Taxes levied directly for/by transit agency	958,192
40910	Local operating assistance - from surrounding local governments	140,468
	Total local revenues	<u>1,098,660</u>
411: State formulas and contracts		
41101	State operating assistance	1,647,806
	Total state formulas and contracts	<u>1,647,806</u>
413: Federal contracts		
41302	Federal section 5307 (operating funds only)	1,270,684
41360	CARES Act lost revenue replacement	900,000
	Federal contracts	<u>2,170,684</u>
414: Other revenues		
41400	Interest income	2,391
	Total other revenues	<u>2,391</u>
	Total operating revenues	<u><u>\$ 4,996,257</u></u>

Note:

Ineligible expenses are classified appropriately according to the definition in the Local Public Transit Revenue and Expense Manual (R&E Manual). Audit costs are the only costs in which eligibility differs from the State R&E Manual and 2CFR200. The Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority did not incur expenses associated with 40720 Rental of buildings and other property or 40615 Advertising and, therefore, no expenses are subtracted out as ineligible on OAR Schedule 4E on page 46. Amounts equal to the insurance recoveries (\$28,918) are subtracted out as ineligible expenses on OAR Schedule 4E on page 46.

The advertising revenue is generated by a third-party service organization which is responsible for maintaining the advertising posted on the Authority's busses. The third-party service organization pays all costs and collects the gross advertising fees associated with this advertising and remits to the Authority a portion of the net income from advertising. Thus, no expenses are incurred by the Authority in relation to this revenue.

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Schedule of Operating Revenues

New Freedom

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Code	Description	Total
401: Farebox revenues		
40100	Passenger fares	\$ -
405: Charter		
40500	Charter service	-
406: Auxiliary transit revenues		
40615	Advertising	-
40699	Other auxiliary transit revenues (cash short/over, court recovery fees, nsf charges)	-
	Total auxiliary transit revenues	-
407: Non-transit revenues		
40720	Rental of buildings and other property	-
40799	Other non-transit revenues (insurance recoveries)	-
	Total non-transit revenues	-
408/409: Local revenues		
40800	Taxes levied directly for/by transit agency	142,953
40910	Local operating assistance	-
	Total local revenues	142,953
411: State formulas and contracts		
41101	State operating assistance	-
413: Federal contracts		
41302	Federal section 5317	142,953
414: Other revenues		
41400	Interest income	-
	Total operating revenues	\$ 285,906

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Schedule of Operating Expenses

Urban Regular Service

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Code	Description	Total
501: Labor		
50101	Operators' salaries and wages	\$ 1,095,992
50102	Other salaries and wages	881,420
50103	Dispatcher salaries and wages	114,164
	Total labor	<u>2,091,576</u>
502: Fringe benefits		
50200	Other	1,013,489
50201	Pensions	47,693
	Total fringe benefits	<u>1,061,182</u>
503: Services		
50302	Advertising	34,812
50305	Audit cost	10,209
50399	Other	606,505
	Total services	<u>651,526</u>
504: Materials		
50401	Fuel and lubricants	175,765
50402	Tires	9,236
50499	Other	52,671
	Total materials	<u>237,672</u>
50500	Utilities	<u>69,118</u>
506: Insurance		
50603	Liability insurance	154,535
509: Miscellaneous expenses		
50902	Travel, meetings and training	3,848
50903	Association dues and subscriptions	11,875
50999	Other	10,060
	Total miscellaneous expenses	<u>25,783</u>
51200	Operating leases and rentals	<u>1</u>
513: Depreciation		
51300	Grant assets	735,849
51300	Other assets	137,915
	Total depreciation	<u>873,764</u>

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Schedule of Operating Expenses

Urban Regular Service

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Code	Description	Total
550/540:	Ineligible expenses	
55007	Ineligible depreciation	\$ 735,849
55008	Other ineligible expenses	9,620
55009	Other ineligible expenses	717
54000	Ineligible prior year refunds and credits	<u>28,918</u>
	Total ineligible expenses	<u>775,104</u>
	Total expenses	5,165,157
	Total ineligible expenses	<u>775,104</u>
	Total eligible expenses	<u>\$ 4,390,053</u>
		concluded

Notes:

Any capital money used to pay for operating expense has been subtracted out as ineligible expense.

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Schedule of Operating Expenses

New Freedom

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Code	Description	Total
501: Labor		
50101	Operators' salaries and wages	\$ 99,366
50102	Other salaries and wages	55,390
50103	Dispatcher salaries and wages	7,058
	Total labor	<u>161,814</u>
502: Fringe benefits		
50200	Other	76,711
50201	Pensions	2,674
	Total fringe benefits	<u>79,385</u>
503: Services		
50302	Advertising	2,150
50305	Audit cost	691
50399	Other	37,708
	Total services	<u>40,549</u>
504: Materials		
50401	Fuel and lubricants	10,165
50402	Tires	551
50499	Other	3,340
	Total materials	<u>14,056</u>
50500	Utilities	<u>4,310</u>
506: Insurance		
50603	Liability insurance	10,011
509: Miscellaneous expenses		
50902	Travel, meetings and training	232
50903	Association dues and subscriptions	862
50999	Other	946
	Total miscellaneous expenses	<u>2,040</u>
51200	Operating leases and rentals	<u>-</u>
540/550: Ineligible expenses		
55008	Other ineligible expenses	195
55009	Ineligible percent of association dues	53
54000	Ineligible prior year refunds and credits	722
	Total ineligible expenses	<u>970</u>
	Total expenses	<u>312,165</u>
	Total ineligible expenses	<u>970</u>
	Total eligible expenses	<u>\$ 311,195</u>

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Schedule of Operating and Contract Expenses

Urban Regular Service

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Total
Operating expenses	
Labor	\$ 2,091,576
Other fringe benefits	1,013,489
Pensions	47,693
Audit cost	10,209
Other services	641,317
Materials	237,672
Utilities	69,118
Insurance	154,535
Miscellaneous expenses	25,783
Lease and other rentals	1
Depreciation	873,764
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Total operating expenses	\$ 5,165,157
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Schedule of Operating and Contract Expenses

New Freedom

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Total
Operating expenses	
Labor	\$ 161,814
Other fringe benefits	76,711
Pensions	2,674
Audit cost	691
Other services	39,858
Materials	14,056
Utilities	4,310
Insurance	10,011
Miscellaneous expenses	<u>2,040</u>
Total operating expenses	<u><u>\$ 312,165</u></u>

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Operating Assistance Calculation

Urban Regular Service

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Total expenses	<u>\$ 5,165,157</u>
Less ineligible expenses:	
Depreciation	735,849
Other expenses	9,620
Other ineligible expenses	717
Prior year refunds and credits	<u>28,918</u>
Total ineligible expenses	<u>775,104</u>
Total State eligible expenses	<u>\$ 4,390,053</u>
Eligible expenses for State reimbursement	\$ 4,390,053
Reimbursement percentage	<u>37.5350%</u>
State operating assistance	<u>\$ 1,647,806</u>

Schedule of Vehicle Miles

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Public Service	New Freedom	Total
First quarter (October-December)	101,926	7,504	109,430
Second quarter (January-March)	111,063	7,675	118,738
Third quarter (April-June)	155,851	8,526	164,377
Fourth quarter (July-September)	156,431	8,550	164,981
Total	<u>525,271</u>	<u>32,255</u>	<u>557,526</u>

Note:

The methodology used for compiling mileage on OAR Schedules 4N is an adequate and reliable method for recording vehicle mileage.

Schedule of Vehicle Hours

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Public Service	New Freedom	Total
First quarter (October-December)	7,413	659	8,072
Second quarter (January-March)	8,370	685	9,055
Third quarter (April-June)	12,244	781	13,025
Fourth quarter (July-September)	12,291	764	13,055
Total	40,318	2,889	43,207

Schedule of Line-Haul Passenger Data and Vehicle Hours

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Vehicle Hours	Regular Passengers	Senior Passengers	Handicapped Passengers	Senior/ Handicapped Passengers	Total Passenger
First quarter (October-December)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Second quarter (January-March)	2,446	4,666	656	3,243	-	8,565
Third quarter (April-June)	6,810	19,212	2,825	9,616	-	31,653
Fourth quarter (July-September)	6,804	24,358	4,215	9,050	-	37,623
Total	<u>16,060</u>	<u>48,236</u>	<u>7,696</u>	<u>21,909</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,841</u>

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(Unaudited)

Schedule of Demand Response Passenger Data and Vehicle Hours

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Vehicle Hours	Regular Passengers	Senior Passengers	Handicapped Passengers	Senior/ Handicapped Passengers	Total Passenger
First quarter (October-December)	7,413	8,092	246	6,466	-	14,804
Second quarter (January-March)	5,924	6,013	360	5,794	-	12,167
Third quarter (April-June)	5,435	3,435	382	6,588	-	10,405
Fourth quarter (July-September)	5,487	3,006	468	6,869	-	10,343
Total	<u>24,259</u>	<u>20,546</u>	<u>1,456</u>	<u>25,717</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,719</u>

Schedule of New Freedom Passenger Data and Vehicle Hours

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Vehicle Hours	Regular Passengers	Senior Passengers	Handicapped Passengers	Senior/ Handicapped Passengers	Total Passenger
First quarter (October-December)	659	684	11	406	-	1,101
Second quarter (January-March)	685	669	-	416	-	1,085
Third quarter (April-June)	781	554	1	490	-	1,045
Fourth quarter (July-September)	764	552	1	554	-	1,107
Total	2,889	2,459	13	1,866	-	4,338

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**RECONCILIATIONS OF OAR SCHEDULES TO STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND
BALANCE FOR GOVERNMENTAL FUND**

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Reconciliation

OAR Operating Revenues to Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance for Governmental Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Code	Description	Urban Regular	New Freedom
401/402:	Farebox revenues		
40100	Passenger fares	\$ -	\$ -
40200	Contract fares	-	-
405:	Charter		
40500	Charter service	-	-
406:	Auxiliary transit revenues		
40615	Advertising	10,692	-
40620	Intercity ticket sales	1,624	-
40699	Other auxiliary transit revenues (cash short/over, court recovery fees, nsf charges)	6,109	-
407:	Non-transit revenues		
40720	Rental of buildings and other property	15,305	-
40760	Gains on sales of capital assets	14,068	-
40799	Other non-transit revenues (insurance recoveries)	28,918	-
408/409:	Local revenues		
40800	Taxes levied directly for/by transit agency	958,192	142,953
40910	Local operating assistance	140,468	-
411:	State formulas and contracts		
41101	State operating assistance	1,647,806	-
413:	Federal contracts		
41302	Federal section 5307 (operating funds only)	1,270,684	142,953
41360	CARES Act lost revenue replacement	900,000	-
414:	Other revenues		
41400	Interest income	2,391	-
	Total operating revenues	<u>\$ 4,996,257</u>	<u>\$ 285,906</u>

Reconciling Items		Statement Total	Statement Classification
\$ 15	(1)	\$ 15	
-		-	
-		-	
		<u>\$ 15</u>	Passenger fares
-		\$ 10,692	
-		1,624	
(6,109)	(1)	-	
-		15,305	
		<u>\$ 27,621</u>	Charges for services
-		\$ 14,068	
6,094	(1)	35,012	
		<u>\$ 49,080</u>	Total other financing sources
(89,148)	(3)	\$ 1,011,997	Property taxes
-		\$ 140,468	Intergovernmental - local
456,611	(2), (3)	<u>\$ 2,104,417</u>	Intergovernmental - state
177,934	(2)	\$ 1,591,571	
-		900,000	
		<u>\$ 2,491,571</u>	Intergovernmental - federal
-		\$ 2,391	Interest income

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Reconciliation

OAR Operating Revenues to Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance for Governmental Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

- (1) Cash over and short classified with passenger fares and court fee recoveries with insurance recoveries on the statement of revenues, expenditures and change in fund balance.
- (2) Capital and other grants not included on the OAR. OAR only contains current year operating grants.
- (3) Local stabilization funding with intergovernmental state revenue on the statement of revenues, expenditures and change in fund balance.

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Reconciliation

OAR Operating Expenses to Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance for Governmental Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Total operating expenses per OAR:

Urban Regular	\$ 5,165,157
New Freedom	<u>312,165</u>
	5,477,322

Reconciling items:

Capital outlay expense is not included on the OAR as those costs are reimbursed by capital grants, if eligible 135,787

Depreciation expense is not reported in the governmental fund as it does not represent expenditures of current available resources (873,764)

Amounts funded by New Freedom Mobility Management grant and not reported as operating expenditures on the OAR 42,941

Amounts paid to MDOT based on final LBO audit for fiscal year 2018 and not reported as operating expenditures on the OAR 5,263

Total expenditures per governmental fund statement \$ 4,787,549

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

February 7, 2022

Members of the Transportation Authority Board
Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority
Holland, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the remaining fund information of the **Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority** (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated February 7, 2022, which contained unmodified opinions 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 Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (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 basic financial statements and certain other procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to 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.

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Federal Agency / Cluster / Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Passed Through	Pass-through / Grantor Number	Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Transportation				
Federal Transit Cluster:				
Section 5307 current year (operating)	20.507	Direct	MI-2021-010	\$ 1,270,684
Section 5307 prior year (operating)	20.507	Direct	MI-2021-010	16,001
COVID-19 Section 5307 (CARES operating)	20.507	Direct	MI-2020-039	900,000
COVID-19 Section 5307 (capital grant)	20.507	Direct	MI-2020-039	85,220
Section 5307 (capital grant)	20.507	Direct	MI-2018-026	38,801
Section 5307 (capital grant)	20.507	Direct	MI-2019-033	<u>1,514</u>
Total Federal Transit Cluster				<u>2,312,220</u>
Transit Services Programs Cluster:				
New Freedom Program	20.513	MDOT	2017-0084/P11	176,851
New Freedom Program prior year	20.513	MDOT	2017-0084/P7	<u>2,500</u>
Total Transit Services Programs Cluster				<u>179,351</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards				<u><u>\$ 2,491,571</u></u>

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

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Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal grant activity of the Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority (the "Authority") under programs of the federal government for the year ended September 30, 2021. 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). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Authority, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the Authority.

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is described in Note 1 to the Authority's financial statements. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance or other applicable guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

2. 10% DE MINIMIS COST RATE

For purposes of charging indirect costs to federal awards, the Authority has not elected to use the 10 percent de minimis cost rate as permitted by §200.414 of the Uniform Guidance.

3. PASS-THROUGH AGENCIES

The Authority receives certain federal grants as subawards from non-federal entities. Pass-through entities, where applicable, have been identified in the Schedule with an abbreviation, defined as follows:

Pass-through Agency Abbreviation	Pass-through Agency Name
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MDOT Michigan Department of Transportation



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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***

February 7, 2022

Members of the Transportation Authority Board
Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority
Holland, Michigan

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, the major fund, and the remaining fund information of the **Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority** (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 7, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority'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 statements. 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 Authority'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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lehmann Lobson LLC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR
THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

February 7, 2022

Members of the Transportation Authority Board
Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority
Holland, Michigan

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited the compliance of the **Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority** (the "Authority") with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the Authority's major federal program for the year ended September 30, 2021. The Authority's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Independent Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for the Authority's major federal program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. 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 requirement of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Authority's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Authority's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Authority complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended September 30, 2021.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Authority is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Authority's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program 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 internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's 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 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 first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Purpose of this Report

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.

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified? yes X no

Significant deficiency(ies) identified? yes X none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? yes X no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

Material weakness(es) identified? yes X no

Significant deficiency(ies) identified? 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 2CFR 200.516(a)? yes X no

Identification of major programs:

Assistance Listing Number

Name of Federal Program or Cluster

20.507

Federal Transit Cluster

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? yes X no

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

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SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None reported

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None reported

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Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

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2020-001 - Material Audit Adjustments

Certain material adjustments were made to adjust the Authority's general ledger to the appropriate balances. These entries related to recording a receivable and revenue related to state funding, allocation between federal and state grants, and to eliminate the recording of a long-term debt in the General Fund. This finding has been corrected in the current year.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

February 7, 2022

Members of the Transportation Authority Board
Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority
Holland, Michigan

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the remaining fund information of the **Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority** (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Independent Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the remaining fund information of the Authority as of September 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements. The schedules required by the Michigan Bureau of Passenger Transportation (excluding the nonfinancial data schedules) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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 basic 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 to 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 information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The Michigan Bureau of Passenger Transportation Nonfinancial Data Schedules, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued, under separate cover, our report dated February 7, 2022 on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

MACATAWA AREA EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority (the "Authority"), we offer readers of the Authority's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Authority for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that is furnished in the financial statements and notes to the financial statements.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Authority exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$11,203,969 (net position). Of this amount, \$4,283,253 was unrestricted and may be used to meet the Authority's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Authority's total net position increased by \$167,290 from operations during fiscal 2021.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Authority's General Fund reported an ending fund balance of \$4,308,427, an increase of \$1,040,011.
- Total fund balance was 90.0% of total General Fund expenditures.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Authority's basic financial statements. The Authority's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information required by the Michigan Bureau of Passenger Transportation (BPT) in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide Financial Statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Authority's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the Authority's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Authority that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities of the Authority are all classified as public transportation. The Authority has no business-type activities.

Fund Financial Statements. A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Authority, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Authority can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds.

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Governmental Funds. *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and change in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The Authority maintains one individual governmental fund, the General Fund. Information is presented in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and change in fund balance.

The Authority adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund. The budgetary comparison statement has been provided herein to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Proprietary Funds. The Authority maintains one type of proprietary fund. The *Internal Service Fund* is used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the Authority's various functions. The Authority uses an internal service fund to account for compensated absences of the Authority. Because these services predominately benefit governmental rather than business-type functions, they have been included within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Supplementary Information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain information required by the Michigan Bureau of Passenger Transportation.

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Government-wide Financial Analysis

Statement of Net Position

As previously stated, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Authority, assets exceeded liabilities by \$11,203,969 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

	Governmental Activities	
	2021	2020
Current and other assets	\$ 4,732,944	\$ 3,657,052
Capital assets, net	8,338,563	9,170,880
Total assets	13,071,507	12,827,932
Long-term debt	1,585,583	1,579,996
Other liabilities	281,955	211,257
Total liabilities	1,867,538	1,791,253
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	6,920,716	7,753,033
Unrestricted	4,283,253	3,283,646
Total net position	\$ 11,203,969	\$ 11,036,679

A substantial portion of the Authority's net position, \$6,920,716 (61.8 percent), reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, vehicles, machinery and equipment). The Authority uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending.

The Authority may use the remaining balance of unrestricted net position of \$4,283,253 (38.2 percent) to meet its ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Authority is able to report positive balances in both categories of net position.

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Statement of Activities

	Governmental Activities	
	2021	2020
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 27,636	\$ 153,216
Operating grants and contributions	4,600,841	3,484,579
Capital grants and contributions	135,615	1,678,032
General revenues:		
Property taxes	1,014,423	979,168
Unrestricted investment earnings	2,391	20,492
Total revenues	<u>5,780,906</u>	<u>6,315,487</u>
Expenses:		
Public transportation	<u>5,613,616</u>	<u>5,647,142</u>
Change in net position	167,290	668,345
Net position, beginning of year	11,036,679	10,368,334
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 11,203,969</u>	<u>\$ 11,036,679</u>

The Authority's net position increased by \$167,290 during the current fiscal year. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) pays transit agencies, by formula, a percentage of their eligible expenses under Act 51 up to a maximum of 60% for Small Urban and Rural Transit agencies and a maximum of 40% for Large Urban agencies. The Authority is a Small Urban Agency and is eligible to receive up to 60% of its eligible expenses under Act 51. MDOT estimates the available revenue and determines the percentage paid to agencies. At the end of its fiscal year, MDOT then reconciles expenses and transit agencies are asked to either pay back overpayments or receive additional funding based on eligible expenses. A second time after all audits are received from transit agencies, MDOT performs the reconciliation process again and transit agencies are either asked to pay back overpayments or receive additional funding. Below is a five year history of the percentages paid by MDOT to transit agencies for operating assistance: 2017 - 39.00%, 2018 - 39.20%, 2019 - 38.07%, 2020 - 36.79%, 2021 - 37.54%.

Capital grant revenue decreased by \$1,542,417 from prior fiscal year as a result of reduced grant activity in the current year.

Operating grants and contributions increased \$1,116,262 as a result of higher Federal and State operating assistance from the prior year. The Authority chose to reallocate a large portion of their Federal operating assistance in the prior fiscal year to capital funding as they were awarded additional operating assistance from the CARES Act grant. The current year's Federal operating assistance is more in line with that of previous year's.

Charges for services decreased by \$125,580 from prior fiscal year due to the Authority not charging for fares beginning in April 2020 (partial year) and continuing through the entire fiscal year 2021 as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. The \$27,636 is made up of revenues from advertising, intercity ticket sales, and rental of building space.

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Expenses totaled \$5,613,616 and are consistent with the prior fiscal year. The Authority estimated fiscal year 2021 operating expenses based on full staffing. Due to COVID, competition for qualified candidates, and labor market placing pressure on increasing regional wages, the Authority did not hire the bus operators needed to be fully staffed. Starting wages were increased in August 2021 - but this was not soon enough in the fiscal year and positions remained unfilled.

Financial Analysis of the Authority's Funds

As noted earlier, the Authority uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

The overall results of General Fund operations were an increase in fund balance of \$1,040,011. The growth was a result of lower expenditures and an increase in grant revenues. Contributing to the increase in grant revenues was the COVID related funding and competitive grant funds awarded to the Authority.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The original revenue and other financing sources budget was \$4,919,770 and as amended was \$10,226,550 which represents an increase of \$5,306,780. The original expenditure budget was \$4,919,770 and as amended was \$9,839,622 which represents an increase of \$4,919,852. The primary reason for the increase in revenues and expenditures in the amended budgets was due to the carryover of federal and state grant funding. The Authority budgets for the full amount of grant revenue and expenditures in the year the grant is awarded even though the projects can span multiple years, which resulted in grant revenue and capital outlay expenditures being less than the final amended budget.

Actual expenditures came in \$5,052,073 less than the amended budget. This is primarily due to timing of planned capital investment. Disruptions in service related to COVID-19 also contributed to lower routine operations expenditures. Actual revenues were \$4,415,975 lower than the amended budget. This reflects timing of revenue recognition related to awarded grants.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets. The Authority invested \$105,104 in buildings, machinery and equipment and vehicles during the fiscal period to service Authority users.

	Governmental Activities	
	2021	2020
Land	\$ 249,289	\$ 249,289
Land improvements, net	350,590	386,961
Buildings, equipment and vehicles, net	7,738,684	8,534,630
Total capital assets, net	\$ 8,338,563	\$ 9,170,880

Additional information on the Authority's capital assets can be found in Note 6 of this report.

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Long-term Debt. During 2020, the Authority entered into a \$1,417,847 state infrastructure bank loan due on December 30, 2021.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates

In May 2021, the voters renewed the 0.40 millage tax rate. Overall property values are increasing significantly but taxable value increases are limited to the rate of inflation per State law. Since before the COVID-19 pandemic, retaining current staff and attracting qualified talent has been a concern for many employers, including the Authority. Employee recruitment involved online advertising, employee referrals, and sign on bonuses for candidates holding a CDL. Despite these efforts, the Authority continues to be short-staffed in entry level positions, such as Utility Workers, Building Specialists, and Bus Operators.

The carry over of grant funding to fiscal year 2021 allows for the replacement of buses, keeping the fleet in good working condition to meet the growing transportation needs of the public. The Authority placed an order to replace aging service vehicles and maintain a State of Good Repair. Procurement was delayed 18 months due to supply challenges which are expected to continue through the next fiscal year. Grant funds have also been used for the renovation of the Padnos Transportation Center/Depot building and to construct bus shelters at fixed route stop locations.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority finances for all those with an interest in the Authority's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Ms. Julie Ziurinkas, Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority, 270 River Ave., Holland, Michigan 49423.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MACATAWA AREA EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Statement of Net Position

September 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 4,372,124
Receivables, net	269,545
Prepaid items	91,275
Capital assets:	
Not being depreciated	249,289
Being depreciated, net	<u>8,089,274</u>
Total assets	<u>13,071,507</u>
Liabilities	
Payables	277,819
Unearned revenue	4,136
Long-term debt, due within one year	<u>1,585,583</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,867,538</u>
Net position	
Net investment in capital assets	6,920,716
Unrestricted	<u>4,283,253</u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 11,203,969</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Functions / Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue	
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions		Capital Grants and Contributions
Governmental activities					
Public transportation	\$ 5,613,616	\$ 27,636	\$ 4,600,841	\$ 135,615	\$ (849,524)
General revenues					
Property taxes					1,014,423
Investment earnings - unrestricted					2,391
Total general revenues					<u>1,016,814</u>
Change in net position					167,290
Net position, beginning of year					<u>11,036,679</u>
Net position, end of year					<u>\$ 11,203,969</u>

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Balance Sheet

Governmental Fund

September 30, 2021

	General Fund
Assets	
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 4,204,388
Receivables:	
Accounts	9,614
Taxes, net	40,380
Due from other governmental units	219,551
Prepaid items	<u>91,275</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 4,565,208</u></u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 33,922
Accrued payroll and benefits	45,644
Due to other governmental units	148,038
Unearned revenue	<u>4,136</u>
Total liabilities	<u>231,740</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	<u>25,041</u>
Fund balance	
Nonspendable - prepaids	91,275
Unassigned	<u>4,217,152</u>
Total fund balance	<u>4,308,427</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance	<u><u>\$ 4,565,208</u></u>

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Reconciliation

Fund Balance for Governmental Fund
to Net Position of Governmental Activities
September 30, 2021

Fund balance - governmental fund \$ 4,308,427

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of net position
are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources,
and therefore are not reported in the fund statement.

Capital assets not being depreciated	249,289
Capital assets being depreciated, net	8,089,274

Certain liabilities, such as notes payable, are not due and payable in the current
period and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Loan payable	(1,417,847)
Accrued interest on loan payable	(50,215)

The focus of governmental funds is on short-term financing. Accordingly, some
assets will not be available to pay for current-period expenditures. Those
assets (such as certain receivables) are offset by deferred inflows of resources
in the governmental funds, and thus are not included in fund balance.

Unavailable property taxes	<u>25,041</u>
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Net position of governmental activities \$ 11,203,969

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance

Governmental Fund

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	General Fund
Revenues	
Property taxes	\$ 1,011,997
Passenger fares	15
Intergovernmental:	
Federal	2,491,571
State	2,104,417
Local	140,468
Charges for services	27,621
Interest income	2,391
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Total revenues	5,778,480
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Expenditures	
Current:	
Public transportation:	
Management and administration	737,629
Personal services - customer service and marketing	433,518
Routine operations	2,825,888
Maintenance	654,727
Capital outlay	135,787
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Total expenditures	4,787,549
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Revenues over expenditures	990,931
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Other financing sources	
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	14,068
Insurance recoveries	35,012
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Total other financing sources	49,080
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Net change in fund balance	1,040,011
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Fund balance, beginning of year	3,268,416
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Fund balance, end of year	\$ 4,308,427
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Reconciliation

Net Change in Fund Balance of Governmental Fund
to Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Net change in fund balance - governmental fund \$ 1,040,011

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of activities
are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the
statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their
estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Purchase of capital assets	105,104
Depreciation expense	(873,764)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	(14,068)
Loss from sale of capital assets	(49,589)

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current
financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the funds.

Change in accrued interest on loan payable	(42,830)
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Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial
resources are not reported as revenues in the funds, but rather are deferred
to the following fiscal year.

Net change in unavailable property taxes	<u>2,426</u>
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Change in net position of governmental activities \$ 167,290

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance

Budget and Actual - General Fund

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Actual Over (Under) Final Budget
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 939,500	\$ 1,082,000	\$ 1,011,997	\$ (70,003)
Passenger fares	253,800	300	15	(285)
Intergovernmental:				
Federal	1,270,074	7,039,883	2,491,571	(4,548,312)
State	1,729,705	1,804,356	2,104,417	300,061
Local	109,000	241,500	140,468	(101,032)
Charges for services	42,500	24,124	27,621	3,497
Interest income	20,000	2,292	2,391	99
Total revenues	<u>4,364,579</u>	<u>10,194,455</u>	<u>5,778,480</u>	<u>(4,415,975)</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Public transportation:				
Management and administration	714,750	757,676	737,629	(20,047)
Personal services - customer service and marketing	351,000	525,784	433,518	(92,266)
Routine operations	3,255,570	3,153,760	2,825,888	(327,872)
Maintenance	598,450	691,052	654,727	(36,325)
Capital outlay	-	4,711,350	135,787	(4,575,563)
Total expenditures	<u>4,919,770</u>	<u>9,839,622</u>	<u>4,787,549</u>	<u>(5,052,073)</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(555,191)</u>	<u>354,833</u>	<u>990,931</u>	<u>636,098</u>
Other financing sources				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	5,000	5,000	14,068	9,068
Insurance recoveries	550,191	27,095	35,012	7,917
Total other financing sources	<u>555,191</u>	<u>32,095</u>	<u>49,080</u>	<u>16,985</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	386,928	1,040,011	653,083
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>3,268,416</u>	<u>3,268,416</u>	<u>3,268,416</u>	-
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 3,268,416</u>	<u>\$ 3,655,344</u>	<u>\$ 4,308,427</u>	<u>\$ 653,083</u>

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Statement of Net Position

Proprietary Fund

September 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities	Internal Service Fund
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 167,736	
Liabilities		
Current liabilities:		
Compensated absences		<u>167,736</u>
Net position		
Unrestricted		<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Fund Net Position

Proprietary Fund

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities	Internal Service Fund
Operating revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 151,606	
Operating expenses		
Personal services		151,606
Change in net position		-
Net position, beginning of year		-
Net position, end of year		<u>\$ -</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Proprietary Fund

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities
	Internal Service Fund
Cash flows from operating activities	
Receipts from providing interfund services	\$ 151,606
Payments to employees	<u>(146,019)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	5,587
Cash and pooled investments, beginning of year	<u>162,149</u>
Cash and pooled investments, end of year	<u><u>\$ 167,736</u></u>
Reconciliation of change in fund net position to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Change in net position	\$ -
Adjustment to reconcile change in net position to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Change in:	
Compensated absences	<u>5,587</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>\$ 5,587</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MACATAWA AREA EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Notes to Financial Statements

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority (the "Authority") have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Authority's accounting policies are described below.

Reporting Entity

The Authority is a municipal corporation governed by an elected, nine-member Authority Board. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the financial position and related activity for the Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority. The Authority was formed on July 1, 2007 from the former Macatawa Area Transportation System enterprise fund of the City of Holland, Michigan (the "City"). The Authority has no component units and is not reported as a component unit of any other governmental unit.

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as is the internal service fund. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. After March 1, any delinquent taxes on real property are paid by the County which is responsible for collecting any outstanding taxes on real property as of that date. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

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Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Intergovernmental revenue, charges for services and interest are all considered to be susceptible to accrual if collected within 180 days of fiscal year end. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Property taxes, intergovernmental revenue, charges for services and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and as such have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Authority.

The Authority reports the following major governmental fund:

The *General Fund* is the Authority's primary operating fund. It accounts for all the financial resources of the Authority, except those accounted for and reported in another fund.

Additionally, the Authority reports the following fund type:

The *Internal Service Fund* is used to report the financing of services provided by the Authority on a cost reimbursement basis, specifically the accumulation of funds for future payments of compensated absences.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Authority's internal service fund are charges to the General Fund for payments of compensated absences. Operating expenses for the internal service fund include the cost of services. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Restricted net position consists of assets that are subject to restrictions beyond the government's control. The restrictions may be externally imposed or imposed by law. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

MACATAWA AREA EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Notes to Financial Statements

Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Equity

Cash and Pooled Investments

The Authority considers cash and pooled investments to be cash and cash equivalents for statement of cash flow purposes. Investments within pooled cash and investments are not identifiable to specific funds and the assets can be withdrawn at anytime similar to a demand deposit account.

Investments displayed on the financial statement and included in the cash and pooled investment caption are recorded at fair value.

State statutes and Authority policy authorize the Authority to invest in:

Bonds, securities, other obligations and repurchase agreements of the United States, or an agency or instrumentality of the United States.

Certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts or depository receipts of a qualified financial institution.

Commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the two highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and that matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase.

Bankers' acceptances of United States banks.

Obligations of the State of Michigan and its political subdivisions, that, at the time of purchase are rated as investment grade by at least one standard rating service.

Mutual funds registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 with the authority to purchase only investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by a public corporation.

External investment pools as authorized by Public Act 20 as amended through December 31, 1997.

Receivables

All receivables are recorded at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

Due From Other Governmental Units

Amounts due from other governments include amounts due from grantors for specific programs and capital projects. Program and capital grants are recorded as receivables and revenue at the time reimbursable costs are incurred. Revenues received in advance of costs being incurred are reported as unearned revenue.

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Prepaid Items

The Authority made certain payments to vendors prior to year-end for services that will be performed in the next fiscal year. In these situations, the Authority records an asset to reflect the investment in future services.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets having a useful life in excess of two years and whose initial cost exceeds \$500. Capital assets are stated at historical cost or estimated historical cost where actual cost information is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated acquisition cost as of the donation date.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets, as applicable.

Depreciation on the capital assets (including infrastructure) of the primary government is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	Years
Land improvements	15-20
Buildings	15-45
Machinery and equipment	5-15
Office furniture and equipment	5-20
Vehicles	7-10

The eligible depreciation of \$137,915, reported in the supplementary expenditure schedules required by the Michigan Bureau of Passenger Transportation (BPT), includes only the depreciation of assets purchased with local funds where the useful life of the asset purchased has been approved by the BPT.

Compensated Absences

It is the Authority's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused paid time off and compensatory time benefits, subject to certain limitations. All vacation and compensatory time pay is accrued when incurred.

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Property Taxes

Properties are assessed as of December 31 and become a lien at that time. The related property taxes are levied and billed on July 1 of the following year, and are due without penalty on or before August 15. Summer tax bills include the Authority's property taxes. Real property taxes that have not been collected as of March 1 are turned over to Ottawa and Allegan Counties for collection. The counties advance the Authority 100 percent for the delinquent real property taxes. Collection of delinquent personal property and industrial facilities taxes remains the responsibility of the Authority.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting, from property tax receivables. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

Fund Equity

Governmental funds report nonspendable fund balance for amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Restricted fund balance is reported when externally imposed constraints are placed on the use of resources by grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Committed fund balance is reported for amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Authority Board (the government's highest level of decision-making authority). A formal resolution of the Authority Board is required to establish, modify, or rescind a fund balance commitment. The Authority reports assigned fund balance for amounts that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The Authority currently has no assigned fund balance, as the Authority Board has not yet given the authority for the making of such assignments. Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund.

When the government incurs an expenditure for purposes for which various fund balance classifications can be used, it is the government's policy to use restricted fund balance first, then committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and finally unassigned fund balance.

Risk Management

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, employee injuries (workers' compensation), as well as medical benefits provided to employees. The buildings occupied by the Authority are owned by the City of Holland and are insured by the City. Building contents, general liability and vehicles are insured by commercial policies owned by the Authority.

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Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

2. BUDGETARY INFORMATION

The Authority follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. The Authority's Executive Director is responsible for submitting the proposed operating budget for the following fiscal year to the Authority Board. The Authority Board, during its review, holds a public hearing to obtain taxpayer comments. The budget is legally enacted by resolution of the Authority Board.
2. The Authority Financial Officer is authorized to transfer budget amounts between accounts within the same department of any fund upon written request by a department or division head and approval by the Authority's Executive Director. Any revisions that alter total appropriations of any fund must be approved by the Authority Board. Budgeted appropriations lapse each year; however, appropriations for continuing projects and programs which the Authority intends to complete are included in the budget of the ensuing year.
3. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended by the Authority Board during the year. The budgets have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Supplemental appropriations were necessary during the year.
4. The budget has been adopted on a department level basis; expenditures at this level in excess of amounts budgeted are a violation of Michigan law.
5. Annual budgets are legally adopted for the General Fund as required by the Uniform Budgeting Act (P.A. 621 of 1978) of the State of Michigan.
6. Informal annual budgets are also adopted for the internal service fund.

State statutes provide that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated.

3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The Authority reported cash and pooled investments as of September 30, 2021 under the following classifications:

Cash and pooled investments	<u>\$ 4,372,124</u>
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For note disclosure purposes, these amount are classified as follows:

Petty cash	\$ 900
Checking and savings accounts	2,458,412
Certificates of deposit (due within one year)	901,503
Investments - Michigan CLASS government investment pool	<u>1,011,309</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 4,372,124</u></u>

Investment and Deposit Risk

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits might not be returned. State law does not require and the Authority's investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of state law pertaining to custodial credit risk. As of year-end, \$2,448,798 of the Authority's bank balance of \$3,448,798 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments. For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Authority will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State law does not require and the Authority does not have a policy for investment custodial credit risk which is more restrictive than state law.

Credit Risk. State law limits investments to specific government securities, certificates of deposits and bank accounts with qualified financial institutions, commercial paper with specific maximum maturities and ratings when purchased, bankers' acceptances of specific financial institutions, qualified mutual funds and qualified external investment pools as identified in the summary of significant accounting policies. The Authority's investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of state law pertaining to investment credit risk. The Authority's investments consist of deposits in the Michigan CLASS government investment pool and are rated at AAAM by S&P Global Ratings Services.

Interest Rate Risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that the market rate of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in market interest rates. State law limits the allowable investments and the maturities of some of the allowable investments as identified in the summary of significant accounting policies. The Authority's investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of state law on investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The Authority's investments consist of deposits in the Michigan CLASS government investment pool that does not mature.

Concentration of Credit Risk. Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the Authority's investment in a single issuer. State law limits allowable investments but does not limit concentration of credit risk as identified in the list of authorized investments in the summary of significant accounting policies. All of the Authority's investments are in the Michigan CLASS government investment pool as noted above.

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Fair Value Measurement

The Authority holds shares in the Michigan CLASS government investment pool whereby the fair value of the investment is measured on a recurring basis using net asset value per share (or its equivalent) of the investment pool as a practical expedient.

At year end, the net asset value of the Authority's investment in Michigan CLASS government investment pool was \$1,011,309. The investment pool had no unfunded commitments, specific redemption frequency or redemption notice period required. The Michigan CLASS government investment pool invests in U.S. treasury obligations, federal agency obligations of the U.S. government, high-grade commercial paper (rated 'A-1' or better) collateralized bank deposits, repurchase agreements (collateralized at 102% by Treasuries and agencies), and approved money-market funds. The program seeks to provide safety, liquidity, convenience, and competitive rates of return, and is designed to meet the needs of Michigan public sector investors. It purchases securities that are legally permissible under state statutes and are available for investment by Michigan counties, cities, townships, school districts, authorities and other public agencies.

4. RECEIVABLES AND DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES

Receivables are comprised of the following at year-end:

Accounts	\$	9,614
Taxes *		40,380
Due from other governmental units		<u>219,551</u>
Total	\$	<u><u>269,545</u></u>

* Net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$2,556.

Governmental funds report deferred inflows of resources in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. At the end of the current fiscal year, deferred inflows of resources reported in the General Fund for property taxes receivable was \$25,041.

5. PAYABLES

Payables are comprised of the following at year-end:

Accounts payable	\$	33,922
Accrued payroll and benefits		45,644
Due to other governmental units		148,038
Accrued interest		<u>50,215</u>
Total	\$	<u><u>277,819</u></u>

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6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the Authority for the year ended September 30, 2021, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 249,289	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 249,289
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Land improvements	756,481	-	-	-	756,481
Buildings	5,147,611	46,082	-	-	5,193,693
Machinery and equipment	849,639	59,022	(65,852)	-	842,809
Office furniture and equipment	93,332	-	-	-	93,332
Vehicles	8,210,527	-	(1,858,745)	-	6,351,782
	<u>15,057,590</u>	<u>105,104</u>	<u>(1,924,597)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,238,097</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Land improvements	(369,520)	(36,371)	-	-	(405,891)
Buildings	(839,921)	(119,912)	-	-	(959,833)
Machinery and equipment	(610,341)	(36,801)	2,195	-	(644,947)
Office furniture and equipment	(73,656)	(7,822)	-	-	(81,478)
Vehicles	(4,242,561)	(672,858)	1,858,745	-	(3,056,674)
	<u>(6,135,999)</u>	<u>(873,764)</u>	<u>1,860,940</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,148,823)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>8,921,591</u>	<u>(768,660)</u>	<u>(63,657)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,089,274</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 9,170,880</u>	<u>\$ (768,660)</u>	<u>\$ (63,657)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,338,563</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental activities:

Public transportation \$ 873,764

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7. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt activity for the Authority for the year ended September 30, 2021, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Loan payable	\$ 1,417,847	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,417,847	\$ 1,417,847
Compensated absences	162,149	151,606	(146,019)	167,736	167,736
	<u>\$ 1,579,996</u>	<u>\$ 151,606</u>	<u>\$ (146,019)</u>	<u>\$ 1,585,583</u>	<u>\$ 1,585,583</u>

In May 2020, the Authority entered into a \$1,417,847 state infrastructure bank loan with interest of 2.50% with the Michigan Department of Transportation. The outstanding principal balance is payable in one installment plus accrued interest on December 30, 2021. Proceeds from the loan were used for bus and vehicle purchases. During the year ended September 30, 2021, no interest expense was paid on this loan.

8. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

In the normal course of its activities, the Authority has become a party in various legal actions, including property tax assessment appeals. Management of the Authority is of the opinion that the outcome of such actions will not have a material effect on the financial position of the Authority and, therefore, has not reflected loss reserves in the financial statements.

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor programs, principally the Federal and State governments. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the transit agency. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the Authority expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

9. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

The Authority participates in a defined contribution retirement plan which is administered by the Michigan Employees' Retirement System of Michigan (MERS) for nonbargaining employees. The defined contribution provisions of the plan require the Authority to contribute up to 8% of covered employee payroll. The participants direct their investments under defined contribution provisions. The Authority contributed \$183,419 and employees contributed \$43,957 to the defined contribution plan.

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10. COST ALLOCATION PLAN

The Authority maintains a cost allocation plan for which the methodology has been approved by the Michigan Bureau of Passenger Transportation (BPT). The allocation plan is for the Section 5310 Services. This cost allocation plan was adhered to in the preparation of the financial statements. There is no cost allocation plan in place for the charter services due to the fact that; 1) the trolley was purchased with all local funds; 2) the Authority maintains a separate operating and revenue budget for the charter services; and 3) the expenses for the charter services are subtracted out as ineligible for the purpose of calculating State operating assistance.

11. LEASE COMMITMENT

The Authority leases the Padnos Transportation Center from the City for \$1 per year. The current lease term expires at June 30, 2022. The lease automatically renews each June 30 for an indefinite term, unless either party gives notice of termination to the other party at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the current lease term in effect at the time of the notice. The City has title to this building and all improvements, fixtures or other types of fixed property appurtenant to the buildings and property located thereon. The Authority is responsible for insurance on building content, but is not required to pay real estate taxes. The building is insured through the City's self-insurance pool.

12. TAX ABATEMENTS

The City of Holland and Holland Charter Township have offered tax incentives and abatements to create jobs, stimulate investment, provide affordable housing, rehabilitate existing residential, commercial and industrial properties, clean up environmentally contaminated properties, redevelop functionally obsolete properties, encourage high tech innovation, and enhance economic growth in the region.

Several incentive programs provided by the City of Holland and Holland Charter Township as of December 31, 2020, and the amount of taxes abated for each of the programs for the year ended September 30, 2021, were as follows:

Industrial Facility Tax Exemption (IFT)	\$	5,927
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)		5,323
New Personal Property Exemption		602
Michigan Renaissance Zone		17,144
Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act		<u>20,910</u>
	\$	<u>49,906</u>

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13. NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS

The composition of the Authority's net investment in capital assets as of September 30, 2021, was as follows:

Capital assets:	
Capital assets not being depreciated	\$ 249,289
Capital assets being depreciated, net	8,089,274
Related debt:	
Loan payable	<u>(1,417,847)</u>
	<u>\$ 6,920,716</u>

14. CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19) to be a global pandemic. While the pandemic has resulted in an increase in the demands on the Authority for providing emergency services to its citizens, the Federal Government has also provided significant resources to help mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. The Authority directly received approximately \$1.0 million during fiscal year 2021 from various funding sources to be used to respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic through the CARES Act and other funding sources. This funding was used to provide relief in multiple areas such as personal protection equipment (PPE) programs, transportation costs, and payroll.



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**MICHIGAN BUREAU OF PASSENGER
TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULES**

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Federal and State Agency / Pass-Through Grantor / Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-through / Grantor Number	Program Award Amount
U.S. Department of Transportation			
Direct assistance:			
Federal Transit Operating Grant - Section 5307	20.507	MI-2021-010	\$ 376,146
Federal Transit Operating Grant - Section 5307	20.507	MI-2021-010	1,270,684
COVID-19 Federal Transit Cares Act Operating Grant - Section 5307	20.507	MI-2020-039	2,711,726
COVID-19 Federal Transit Cares Act Federal Planning Assistance Grant - Section 5307	20.507	MI-2020-039	20,000
COVID-19 Capital Grant - Section 5310	20.507	MI-2020-039	1,410,200
Capital Grant - Section 5310	20.507	MI-2018-026	534,065
Capital Grant - Section 5310	20.507	MI-2019-033	142,489
Passed through the Michigan Department of Transportation:			
New Freedom program:			
Operating assistance	20.513	2017-0084/P11	142,500
Operating assistance	20.513	2017-0084/P7	2,500
Operating - Mobility Management	20.513	2017-0084/P11	70,000
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			<u>6,680,310</u>
Michigan Department of Transportation			
Operating assistance - Act 51:			
Year ended September 30, 2021	n/a	n/a	1,724,618
Year ended September 30, 2020	n/a	n/a	166,899
Year ended September 30, 2019	n/a	n/a	84,949
Year ended September 30, 2017	n/a	n/a	20,133
Total Michigan Department of Transportation			<u>1,996,599</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal and State Awards			<u>\$ 8,676,909</u>



Current Year Expenditures					
Total	Federal	State	Local	Prior Year's Expenditures	Award Amount Remaining
\$ 16,001	\$ 16,001	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360,145	\$ -
1,270,684	1,270,684	-	-	-	-
900,000	900,000	-	-	950,000	861,726
-	-	-	-	-	20,000
85,220	85,220	-	-	43,886	1,281,094
48,503	38,801	9,702	-	311,576	173,986
1,892	1,514	378	-	122,489	18,108
142,500	142,500	-	-	-	-
2,500	2,500	-	-	-	-
42,941	34,351	8,590	-	-	27,059
<u>2,510,241</u>	<u>2,491,571</u>	<u>18,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,788,096</u>	<u>2,381,973</u>
1,724,618	-	1,724,618	-	-	-
166,899	-	166,899	-	-	-
84,949	-	84,949	-	-	-
20,133	-	20,133	-	-	-
<u>1,996,599</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,996,599</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>\$ 4,506,840</u>	<u>\$ 2,491,571</u>	<u>\$ 2,015,269</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,788,096</u>	<u>\$ 2,381,973</u>

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Schedule of Operating Revenues

Urban Regular Service

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Code	Description	Total
401/402: Farebox revenues		
40100	Passenger fares	\$ -
40200	Contract fares	-
	Total farebox revenues	<u>-</u>
405: Charter		
40500	Charter service	-
	Total charter revenues	<u>-</u>
406: Auxiliary transit revenues		
40615	Advertising	10,692
40620	Intercity ticket sales	1,624
40699	Other auxiliary transit revenues (cash short/over, nsf charges)	6,109
	Total auxiliary transit revenues	<u>18,425</u>
407: Non-transit revenues		
40720	Rental of buildings and other property	15,305
40760	Gains from sale of capital assets	14,068
40799	Other non-transit revenues (insurance recoveries)	28,918
	Total non-transit revenues	<u>58,291</u>
408/409: Local revenues		
40800	Taxes levied directly for/by transit agency	958,192
40910	Local operating assistance - from surrounding local governments	140,468
	Total local revenues	<u>1,098,660</u>
411: State formulas and contracts		
41101	State operating assistance	1,647,806
	Total state formulas and contracts	<u>1,647,806</u>
413: Federal contracts		
41302	Federal section 5307 (operating funds only)	1,270,684
41360	CARES Act lost revenue replacement	900,000
	Federal contracts	<u>2,170,684</u>
414: Other revenues		
41400	Interest income	2,391
	Total other revenues	<u>2,391</u>
	Total operating revenues	<u><u>\$ 4,996,257</u></u>

Note:

Ineligible expenses are classified appropriately according to the definition in the Local Public Transit Revenue and Expense Manual (R&E Manual). Audit costs are the only costs in which eligibility differs from the State R&E Manual and 2CFR200. The Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority did not incur expenses associated with 40720 Rental of buildings and other property or 40615 Advertising and, therefore, no expenses are subtracted out as ineligible on OAR Schedule 4E on page 46. Amounts equal to the insurance recoveries (\$28,918) are subtracted out as ineligible expenses on OAR Schedule 4E on page 46.

The advertising revenue is generated by a third-party service organization which is responsible for maintaining the advertising posted on the Authority's busses. The third-party service organization pays all costs and collects the gross advertising fees associated with this advertising and remits to the Authority a portion of the net income from advertising. Thus, no expenses are incurred by the Authority in relation to this revenue.

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Schedule of Operating Revenues

New Freedom

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Code	Description	Total
401:	Farebox revenues	
40100	Passenger fares	\$ -
405:	Charter	
40500	Charter service	-
406:	Auxiliary transit revenues	
40615	Advertising	-
40699	Other auxiliary transit revenues (cash short/over, court recovery fees, nsf charges)	-
	Total auxiliary transit revenues	-
407:	Non-transit revenues	
40720	Rental of buildings and other property	-
40799	Other non-transit revenues (insurance recoveries)	-
	Total non-transit revenues	-
408/409:	Local revenues	
40800	Taxes levied directly for/by transit agency	142,953
40910	Local operating assistance	-
	Total local revenues	142,953
411:	State formulas and contracts	
41101	State operating assistance	-
413:	Federal contracts	
41302	Federal section 5317	142,953
414:	Other revenues	
41400	Interest income	-
	Total operating revenues	\$ 285,906

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Schedule of Operating Expenses

Urban Regular Service

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Code	Description	Total
501: Labor		
50101	Operators' salaries and wages	\$ 1,095,992
50102	Other salaries and wages	881,420
50103	Dispatcher salaries and wages	114,164
	Total labor	<u>2,091,576</u>
502: Fringe benefits		
50200	Other	1,013,489
50201	Pensions	47,693
	Total fringe benefits	<u>1,061,182</u>
503: Services		
50302	Advertising	34,812
50305	Audit cost	10,209
50399	Other	606,505
	Total services	<u>651,526</u>
504: Materials		
50401	Fuel and lubricants	175,765
50402	Tires	9,236
50499	Other	52,671
	Total materials	<u>237,672</u>
50500	Utilities	<u>69,118</u>
506: Insurance		
50603	Liability insurance	154,535
509: Miscellaneous expenses		
50902	Travel, meetings and training	3,848
50903	Association dues and subscriptions	11,875
50999	Other	10,060
	Total miscellaneous expenses	<u>25,783</u>
51200	Operating leases and rentals	<u>1</u>
513: Depreciation		
51300	Grant assets	735,849
51300	Other assets	137,915
	Total depreciation	<u>873,764</u>

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Schedule of Operating Expenses

Urban Regular Service

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Code	Description	Total
550/540:	Ineligible expenses	
55007	Ineligible depreciation	\$ 735,849
55008	Other ineligible expenses	9,620
55009	Other ineligible expenses	717
54000	Ineligible prior year refunds and credits	<u>28,918</u>
	Total ineligible expenses	<u>775,104</u>
	Total expenses	5,165,157
	Total ineligible expenses	<u>775,104</u>
	Total eligible expenses	<u>\$ 4,390,053</u>
		concluded

Notes:

Any capital money used to pay for operating expense has been subtracted out as ineligible expense.

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Schedule of Operating Expenses

New Freedom

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Code	Description	Total
501: Labor		
50101	Operators' salaries and wages	\$ 99,366
50102	Other salaries and wages	55,390
50103	Dispatcher salaries and wages	7,058
	Total labor	<u>161,814</u>
502: Fringe benefits		
50200	Other	76,711
50201	Pensions	2,674
	Total fringe benefits	<u>79,385</u>
503: Services		
50302	Advertising	2,150
50305	Audit cost	691
50399	Other	37,708
	Total services	<u>40,549</u>
504: Materials		
50401	Fuel and lubricants	10,165
50402	Tires	551
50499	Other	3,340
	Total materials	<u>14,056</u>
50500	Utilities	<u>4,310</u>
506: Insurance		
50603	Liability insurance	10,011
509: Miscellaneous expenses		
50902	Travel, meetings and training	232
50903	Association dues and subscriptions	862
50999	Other	946
	Total miscellaneous expenses	<u>2,040</u>
51200	Operating leases and rentals	<u>-</u>
540/550: Ineligible expenses		
55008	Other ineligible expenses	195
55009	Ineligible percent of association dues	53
54000	Ineligible prior year refunds and credits	722
	Total ineligible expenses	<u>970</u>
	Total expenses	<u>312,165</u>
	Total ineligible expenses	<u>970</u>
	Total eligible expenses	<u>\$ 311,195</u>

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Schedule of Operating and Contract Expenses

Urban Regular Service

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Total
Operating expenses	
Labor	\$ 2,091,576
Other fringe benefits	1,013,489
Pensions	47,693
Audit cost	10,209
Other services	641,317
Materials	237,672
Utilities	69,118
Insurance	154,535
Miscellaneous expenses	25,783
Lease and other rentals	1
Depreciation	873,764
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Total operating expenses	\$ 5,165,157
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Schedule of Operating and Contract Expenses

New Freedom

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Total
Operating expenses	
Labor	\$ 161,814
Other fringe benefits	76,711
Pensions	2,674
Audit cost	691
Other services	39,858
Materials	14,056
Utilities	4,310
Insurance	10,011
Miscellaneous expenses	<u>2,040</u>
Total operating expenses	<u><u>\$ 312,165</u></u>

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Operating Assistance Calculation

Urban Regular Service

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Total expenses	<u>\$ 5,165,157</u>
Less ineligible expenses:	
Depreciation	735,849
Other expenses	9,620
Other ineligible expenses	717
Prior year refunds and credits	<u>28,918</u>
Total ineligible expenses	<u>775,104</u>
Total State eligible expenses	<u>\$ 4,390,053</u>
Eligible expenses for State reimbursement	\$ 4,390,053
Reimbursement percentage	<u>37.5350%</u>
State operating assistance	<u>\$ 1,647,806</u>

Schedule of Vehicle Miles

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Public Service	New Freedom	Total
First quarter (October-December)	101,926	7,504	109,430
Second quarter (January-March)	111,063	7,675	118,738
Third quarter (April-June)	155,851	8,526	164,377
Fourth quarter (July-September)	156,431	8,550	164,981
Total	525,271	32,255	557,526

Note:

The methodology used for compiling mileage on OAR Schedules 4N is an adequate and reliable method for recording vehicle mileage.

Schedule of Vehicle Hours

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Public Service	New Freedom	Total
First quarter (October-December)	7,413	659	8,072
Second quarter (January-March)	8,370	685	9,055
Third quarter (April-June)	12,244	781	13,025
Fourth quarter (July-September)	12,291	764	13,055
Total	40,318	2,889	43,207

Schedule of Line-Haul Passenger Data and Vehicle Hours

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Vehicle Hours	Regular Passengers	Senior Passengers	Handicapped Passengers	Senior/ Handicapped Passengers	Total Passenger
First quarter (October-December)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Second quarter (January-March)	2,446	4,666	656	3,243	-	8,565
Third quarter (April-June)	6,810	19,212	2,825	9,616	-	31,653
Fourth quarter (July-September)	6,804	24,358	4,215	9,050	-	37,623
Total	<u>16,060</u>	<u>48,236</u>	<u>7,696</u>	<u>21,909</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,841</u>

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(Unaudited)

Schedule of Demand Response Passenger Data and Vehicle Hours

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Vehicle Hours	Regular Passengers	Senior Passengers	Handicapped Passengers	Senior/ Handicapped Passengers	Total Passenger
First quarter (October-December)	7,413	8,092	246	6,466	-	14,804
Second quarter (January-March)	5,924	6,013	360	5,794	-	12,167
Third quarter (April-June)	5,435	3,435	382	6,588	-	10,405
Fourth quarter (July-September)	5,487	3,006	468	6,869	-	10,343
Total	<u>24,259</u>	<u>20,546</u>	<u>1,456</u>	<u>25,717</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,719</u>

Schedule of New Freedom Passenger Data and Vehicle Hours

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Vehicle Hours	Regular Passengers	Senior Passengers	Handicapped Passengers	Senior/ Handicapped Passengers	Total Passenger
First quarter (October-December)	659	684	11	406	-	1,101
Second quarter (January-March)	685	669	-	416	-	1,085
Third quarter (April-June)	781	554	1	490	-	1,045
Fourth quarter (July-September)	764	552	1	554	-	1,107
Total	<u>2,889</u>	<u>2,459</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>1,866</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,338</u>

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**RECONCILIATIONS OF OAR SCHEDULES TO STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND
BALANCE FOR GOVERNMENTAL FUND**

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Reconciliation

OAR Operating Revenues to Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance for Governmental Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Code	Description	Urban Regular	New Freedom
401/402:	Farebox revenues		
40100	Passenger fares	\$ -	\$ -
40200	Contract fares	-	-
405:	Charter		
40500	Charter service	-	-
406:	Auxiliary transit revenues		
40615	Advertising	10,692	-
40620	Intercity ticket sales	1,624	-
40699	Other auxiliary transit revenues (cash short/over, court recovery fees, nsf charges)	6,109	-
407:	Non-transit revenues		
40720	Rental of buildings and other property	15,305	-
40760	Gains on sales of capital assets	14,068	-
40799	Other non-transit revenues (insurance recoveries)	28,918	-
408/409:	Local revenues		
40800	Taxes levied directly for/by transit agency	958,192	142,953
40910	Local operating assistance	140,468	-
411:	State formulas and contracts		
41101	State operating assistance	1,647,806	-
413:	Federal contracts		
41302	Federal section 5307 (operating funds only)	1,270,684	142,953
41360	CARES Act lost revenue replacement	900,000	-
414:	Other revenues		
41400	Interest income	2,391	-
	Total operating revenues	<u>\$ 4,996,257</u>	<u>\$ 285,906</u>

Reconciling Items	Statement Total	Statement Classification
\$ 15	(1) \$ 15	
-	-	
-	-	
	<u>\$ 15</u>	Passenger fares
-	\$ 10,692	
-	1,624	
(6,109)	(1) -	
-	15,305	
	<u>\$ 27,621</u>	Charges for services
-	\$ 14,068	
6,094	(1) <u>35,012</u>	
	<u>\$ 49,080</u>	Total other financing sources
(89,148)	(3) <u>\$ 1,011,997</u>	Property taxes
-	<u>\$ 140,468</u>	Intergovernmental - local
456,611	(2), (3) <u>\$ 2,104,417</u>	Intergovernmental - state
177,934	(2) \$ 1,591,571	
-	900,000	
	<u>\$ 2,491,571</u>	Intergovernmental - federal
-	<u>\$ 2,391</u>	Interest income

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Reconciliation

OAR Operating Revenues to Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance for Governmental Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

- (1) Cash over and short classified with passenger fares and court fee recoveries with insurance recoveries on the statement of revenues, expenditures and change in fund balance.
- (2) Capital and other grants not included on the OAR. OAR only contains current year operating grants.
- (3) Local stabilization funding with intergovernmental state revenue on the statement of revenues, expenditures and change in fund balance.

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Reconciliation

OAR Operating Expenses to Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance for Governmental Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Total operating expenses per OAR:

Urban Regular	\$ 5,165,157
New Freedom	<u>312,165</u>
	5,477,322

Reconciling items:

Capital outlay expense is not included on the OAR as those costs are reimbursed by capital grants, if eligible 135,787

Depreciation expense is not reported in the governmental fund as it does not represent expenditures of current available resources (873,764)

Amounts funded by New Freedom Mobility Management grant and not reported as operating expenditures on the OAR 42,941

Amounts paid to MDOT based on final LBO audit for fiscal year 2018 and not reported as operating expenditures on the OAR 5,263

Total expenditures per governmental fund statement \$ 4,787,549

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

February 7, 2022

Members of the Transportation Authority Board
Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority
Holland, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the remaining fund information of the **Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority** (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated February 7, 2022, which contained unmodified opinions 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 Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (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 basic financial statements and certain other procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to 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.

Rehmann Lobson LLC

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Federal Agency / Cluster / Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Passed Through	Pass-through / Grantor Number	Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Transportation				
Federal Transit Cluster:				
Section 5307 current year (operating)	20.507	Direct	MI-2021-010	\$ 1,270,684
Section 5307 prior year (operating)	20.507	Direct	MI-2021-010	16,001
COVID-19 Section 5307 (CARES operating)	20.507	Direct	MI-2020-039	900,000
COVID-19 Section 5307 (capital grant)	20.507	Direct	MI-2020-039	85,220
Section 5307 (capital grant)	20.507	Direct	MI-2018-026	38,801
Section 5307 (capital grant)	20.507	Direct	MI-2019-033	<u>1,514</u>
Total Federal Transit Cluster				<u>2,312,220</u>
Transit Services Programs Cluster:				
New Freedom Program	20.513	MDOT	2017-0084/P11	176,851
New Freedom Program prior year	20.513	MDOT	2017-0084/P7	<u>2,500</u>
Total Transit Services Programs Cluster				<u>179,351</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards				<u><u>\$ 2,491,571</u></u>

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

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Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal grant activity of the Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority (the "Authority") under programs of the federal government for the year ended September 30, 2021. 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). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Authority, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the Authority.

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is described in Note 1 to the Authority's financial statements. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance or other applicable guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

2. 10% DE MINIMIS COST RATE

For purposes of charging indirect costs to federal awards, the Authority has not elected to use the 10 percent de minimis cost rate as permitted by §200.414 of the Uniform Guidance.

3. PASS-THROUGH AGENCIES

The Authority receives certain federal grants as subawards from non-federal entities. Pass-through entities, where applicable, have been identified in the Schedule with an abbreviation, defined as follows:

Pass-through Agency Abbreviation	Pass-through Agency Name
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MDOT	Michigan Department of Transportation
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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***

February 7, 2022

Members of the Transportation Authority Board
Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority
Holland, Michigan

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, the major fund, and the remaining fund information of the **Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority** (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 7, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority'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 statements. 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 Authority'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.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR
THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

February 7, 2022

Members of the Transportation Authority Board
Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority
Holland, Michigan

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited the compliance of the **Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority** (the "Authority") with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the Authority's major federal program for the year ended September 30, 2021. The Authority's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Independent Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for the Authority's major federal program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. 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 requirement of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Authority's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Authority's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Authority complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended September 30, 2021.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Authority is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Authority's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program 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 internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's 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 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 first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Purpose of this Report

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.

Rehmann Lobson LLC

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified? yes X no

Significant deficiency(ies) identified? yes X none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? yes X no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

Material weakness(es) identified? yes X no

Significant deficiency(ies) identified? 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 2CFR 200.516(a)? yes X no

Identification of major programs:

Assistance Listing Number

Name of Federal Program or Cluster

20.507

Federal Transit Cluster

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? yes X no

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None reported

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None reported

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Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

2020-001 - Material Audit Adjustments

Certain material adjustments were made to adjust the Authority's general ledger to the appropriate balances. These entries related to recording a receivable and revenue related to state funding, allocation between federal and state grants, and to eliminate the recording of a long-term debt in the General Fund. This finding has been corrected in the current year.





INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

February 7, 2022

Members of the Transportation Authority Board
Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority
Holland, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the remaining fund information of the **Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority** (the "Authority") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated February 7, 2022. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit

As communicated in our engagement letter dated December 6, 2021, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express opinions about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Authority solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

We have provided our findings regarding internal control over financial reporting and compliance noted during our audit in a separate letter to you dated February 7, 2022.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our engagement letter and in our meeting about planning matters on December 1, 2021.

Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, and our firm has complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

Qualitative Aspects of the Authority's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Authority is included in Note 1 to the financial statements.

There have been no initial selections of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during the year.

No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments.

The most sensitive accounting estimates affecting the financial statements were:

- Management's estimate of the useful lives of depreciable capital assets is based on the length of time it is believed that those assets will provide some economic benefit in the future.
- Management's estimate of the accrued compensated absences is based on current hourly rates and policies regarding payment of sick and vacation banks.

- Management's estimate of the allowance for uncollectible receivable balances is based on past experience and future expectation for collection of various account balances.

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop these estimates and determined that they are reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole and in relation to the applicable opinion units.

Significant Difficulties Encountered During the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole and each applicable opinion unit. In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. None of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the Authority's financial statements or the auditors' report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Representations Requested from Management

We have requested certain written representations from management, which are included in Attachment B to this letter.

Management's Consultations with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with the Authority, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the entity, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the Authority's auditors.

Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

Our responsibility for the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, as described by professional standards, is to evaluate the presentation of the supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole and to report on whether the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole. We made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Upcoming Changes in Accounting Standards

Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) are continually changing in order to promote the usability and enhance the applicability of information included in external financial reporting. While it would not be practical to include an in-depth discussion of every upcoming change in professional standards, Attachment A to this letter contains a brief overview of recent pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and their related effective dates. Management is responsible for reviewing these standards, determining their applicability, and implementing them in future accounting periods.

This information is intended solely for the use of the governing body and management of the Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lehmann Lohman LLC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Attachment A – Upcoming Changes in Accounting Standards / Regulations

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The following pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) have been released recently and may be applicable to the Authority in the near future. We encourage management to review the following information and determine which standard(s) may be applicable to the Authority. For the complete text of these and other GASB standards, visit www.gasb.org and click on the “Standards & Guidance” tab. If you have questions regarding the applicability, timing, or implementation approach for any of these standards, please contact your audit team.

GASB 87 ■ Leases

Effective 06/15/2022 (your FY 2022)

This standard establishes a single model for reporting all leases (including those previously classified as operating and capital). Lessees will now report offsetting intangible lease assets and lease liabilities equal to the present value of future lease payments. Lessors will report offsetting lease receivables and deferred inflows of resources.

GASB 89 ■ Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period

Effective 12/15/2021 (your FY 2022)

This standard eliminates the requirement for governments to capitalize interest during the construction period for business-type activities. As this simplifies the accounting for interest, early implementation is encouraged. We do not expect this standard to have any significant effect on the Authority.

GASB 91 ■ Conduit Debt Obligations

Effective 12/15/2022 (your FY 2023)

This standard defines "conduit debt obligations", where a government issues debt whose proceeds are received and repaid by a third-party obligor without the issuer being primarily liable. The standard requires issuers to disclose conduit debt obligations, but not to record a liability unless it is more likely than not that a commitment made by the issuer will require it to support one or more debt payments for a conduit debt obligation. We do not expect this standard to have any significant effect on the Authority.

GASB 92 ■ Omnibus 2020

Effective 06/15/2022 (your FY 2022)

This standard includes a variety of small technical revisions to previously issued GASB statements. We do not expect this standard to have any significant effect on the Authority.

GASB 93 ■ Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates

Effective 06/15/2022 (your FY 2022)

This standard provides guidance to governments with agreements with variable payments tied to LIBOR, and how to transition them to a new reference rate. We do not expect this standard to have any significant effect on the Authority.

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GASB 94 ■ Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements

Effective 06/15/2023 (your FY 2023)

This standard addresses accounting and financial reporting for arrangements in which a government contracts with an operator to provide public services by conveying control of the right to operate or use a capital asset for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. We do not expect this standard to have any significant effect on the Authority.

GASB 96 ■ Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

Effective 06/15/2023 (your FY 2023)

This standard expands on the new guidance for leases and applies it to computer software contracts (subscriptions) with similar characteristics. Governments that subscribe to a vendor's IT software will now report offsetting intangible subscription assets and subscription liabilities equal to the present value of future subscription payments.

GASB 97 ■ Certain Component Unit Criteria and IRC Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans

Effective 06/15/2022 (your FY 2022)

This standard amends the requirements for when to report defined contribution pension plans (such as 401k and 403b plans) as fiduciary component units, and how to account for Section 457 deferred compensation plans.

GASB 98 ■ The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Effective 12/15/2021 (your FY 2022)

This Statement establishes the term "annual comprehensive financial report" and its acronym ACFR. That new term and acronym replace instances of "comprehensive annual financial report" and its acronym in generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments.



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Attachment B – Management Representations

For the September 30, 2021 Audit

The following pages contain the written representations that we requested from management.



**Macatawa Area Express
Transportation Authority**

February 7, 2022

Rehmann Robson
2330 East Paris Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the remaining fund information of *Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority* (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing opinions on whether the basic financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows, where applicable, and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund of the Authority in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted for governments in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

We confirm that, having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves as of February 7, 2022:

Financial Statements

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated December 6, 2021, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of the various opinion units referred to above in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
2. The financial statements referred to above have been fairly presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and include all properly classified funds, required supplementary information, and notes to the basic financial statements.
3. We have reviewed and approved the various adjusting journal entries that were proposed by you for recording in our books and records and reflected in the financial statements.
4. With respect to any assistance you provided in drafting the financial statements and related notes, we have performed the following:
 - a. Made all management decisions and performed all management functions;
 - b. Assigned a competent individual to oversee the services;
 - c. Evaluated the adequacy of the services performed;
 - d. Evaluated and accepted responsibility for the result of the service performed; and
 - e. Established and maintained internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.

5. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
6. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
7. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
8. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP. For the purposes of this letter, related parties mean members of the governing body; board members; administrative officials; immediate families of administrative officials, board members, and members of the governing body; and any companies affiliated with or owned by such individuals.
9. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
10. The effects of all known actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
11. With regard to items reported at fair value:
 - a. The underlying assumptions are reasonable, and they appropriately reflect management's intent and ability to carry out its stated courses of action.
 - b. The measurement methods and related assumptions used in determining fair value are appropriate in the circumstances and have been consistently applied.
 - c. The disclosures related to fair values are complete, adequate, and in conformity with U.S. GAAP.
 - d. There are no subsequent events that require adjustments to the fair value measurements and disclosures included in the financial statements.
12. All component units, as well as joint ventures with an equity interest, are included and other joint ventures and related organizations are properly disclosed.
13. All funds and activities are properly classified.
14. All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*, and GASB Statement No. 37, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments: Omnibus*, for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are considered important to financial statement users.
15. All components of net position and fund balance classifications have been properly reported.
16. All revenues within the statement of activities have been properly classified as program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
17. All expenses have been properly classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations, if any, have been made on a reasonable basis.
18. All interfund and intra-entity transactions and balances have been properly classified and reported.
19. Deposit and investment risks have been properly and fully disclosed.
20. Capital assets, including infrastructure assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and if applicable, depreciated.
21. All required supplementary information is measured and presented within the prescribed guidelines.

22. In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19) to be a global pandemic. While the pandemic has resulted in an increase in the demands on the Authority for providing emergency services to its citizens, the Federal Government has also provided significant resources to help mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. The Authority directly received approximately \$1.0 million during fiscal year 2021 from various funding sources to be used to respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic through the CARES Act and other funding sources. This funding was used to provide relief in multiple areas such as personal protection equipment (PPE) programs, transportation costs, and payroll.

Information Provided

23. We have provided you with:
- a. Access to all information, of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of the various opinion units referred to above, such as records, documentation, meeting minutes, and other matters;
 - b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit; and
 - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
24. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
25. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
26. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:
- a. Management;
 - b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - c. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
27. We have no knowledge of any instances, that have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws and regulations that have a material effect on the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance, whether communicated by employees, former employees, vendors (contractors), regulators, or others.
28. We have no knowledge of any instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of noncompliance with provisions of contracts and grant agreements that has a material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
29. We have no knowledge of any instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred of abuse that could be quantitatively or qualitatively material to the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
30. We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
31. We have identified for you all previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
32. We have provided views on your reported audit findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as our planned corrective actions, for the report.

33. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements and we have not consulted legal counsel concerning litigation or claims.
34. We have disclosed to you the identity of the entity's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
35. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with or deficiencies in accounting, internal control, or financial reporting practices.
36. The government has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
37. We have disclosed to you all guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the government is contingently liable.
38. We have identified and disclosed to you the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that could have a direct and material effect on financial statement amounts, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
39. There are no:
 - a. Violations or possible violations of laws or regulations, or provisions of contracts or grant agreements whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, including applicable budget laws and regulations.
 - b. Unasserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with GASB Statement No. 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*.
 - c. Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by GASB Statement No. 62.
40. The government has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset or future revenue been pledged as collateral, except as disclosed to you.
41. We have complied with all aspects of grant agreements and other contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
42. We have disclosed to you all significant estimates and material concentrations known to management that are required to be disclosed in accordance with GASB Statement No. 62. Significant estimates are estimates at the balance sheet date that could change materially within the next year. Concentrations refer to volumes of business, revenues, available sources of supply, or markets or geographic areas for which events could occur that would significantly disrupt normal finances within the next year.

Supplementary Information in Relation to the Financial Statements as a Whole

43. With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements:
 - a. We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
 - b. We believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
 - c. The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.

- d. We believe the significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information, and the basis for our assumptions and interpretations, are reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances.

Required Supplementary Information

44. With respect to the required supplementary information accompanying the financial statements:
 - a. We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the required supplementary information in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
 - b. We believe the required supplementary information, including its form and content, is measured and fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
 - c. The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.
 - d. We believe the significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the required supplementary information, and the basis for our assumptions and interpretations, are reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances.

Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200)

45. With respect to federal awards, we represent the following to you:
 - a. We are responsible for understanding and complying with and have complied with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance.
 - b. We are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
 - c. We believe the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
 - d. The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.
 - e. We believe the significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and the basis for our assumptions and interpretations, are reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances.
 - f. We are responsible for including the auditor's report on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in any document that contains the schedule and that indicates that the auditor has reported on such information.
 - g. We have identified and disclosed all of our government programs and related activities subject to the Uniform Guidance compliance audit.
 - h. When the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is not presented with the audited financial statements, management will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards no later than the date of issuance by the entity of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the auditor's report thereon.

- i. We have, in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, identified in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, expenditures made during the audit period for all awards provided by federal agencies in the form of grants, federal cost-reimbursement contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other assistance.
- j. We are responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements related to each of our federal programs and have identified and disclosed to you the requirements of laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that are considered to have a direct and material effect on each major federal program; and we have complied, in all material respects, with these requirements.
- k. We have provided to you our interpretations of any compliance requirements that have varying interpretations.
- l. We are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance requirements applicable to federal programs that provide reasonable assurance that we are managing our federal awards in compliance with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that could have a material effect on our federal programs. Also, no changes have been made in the internal control system to the date of this letter that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action taken with regard to significant deficiencies, including material weaknesses, reported in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.
- m. We have made available to you all contracts and grant agreements (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence with federal agencies or pass-through entities relating to federal programs.
- n. We have received no requests from a federal agency to audit one or more specific programs as a major program.
- o. We have identified and disclosed to you all amounts questioned and any known noncompliance with the requirements of federal awards, including the results of other audits or program reviews. We also know of no instances of noncompliance occurring subsequent to the end of the period audited.
- p. We have charged costs to federal awards in accordance with applicable cost principles, including amounts claimed or used for matching determined in accordance with relevant guidelines in the Uniform Guidance.
- q. We have made available to you all documentation related to the compliance requirements, including information related to federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.
- r. Federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the basic financial statements have been prepared (and are prepared on a basis consistent with the schedule of expenditures of federal awards).
- s. The copies of federal program financial reports provided to you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to the respective federal agency or pass-through entity, as applicable.
- t. We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the summary schedule of prior audit findings to include all findings required to be included by the Uniform Guidance, and we have provided you with all information on the status of the follow-up on prior audit findings by federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, including all management decisions.
- u. We have disclosed to you the findings received and related corrective actions taken for previous audits, attestation engagements, and internal or external monitoring that directly relate to the

objectives of the compliance audit, including findings received and corrective actions taken from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditor's report.

- v. We are responsible for and have accurately completed the appropriate sections of the Data Collection Form as required by the Uniform Guidance, and we are responsible for preparing and implementing a correction action plan for each audit finding.
- w. The reporting package does not contain protected personally identifiable information.
- x. We have disclosed all contracts or other agreements with service organizations and disclosed to you all communications from these service organizations relating to noncompliance at the organizations.
- y. We have reviewed, approved, and taken responsibility for the financial statements and related notes.
- z. We have disclosed to you the nature of any subsequent events that provide additional evidence with respect to conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period that affect noncompliance during the reporting period.



Lynn McCammon, Director of Finance



Elisa Hoekwater, Executive Director