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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

February 5, 2016

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 aggregate remaining fund information of the *Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority* (the "Authority") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated February 5, 2016. 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 August 12, 2015, 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 5, 2016.

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, 2015.

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.

The schedule of adjustments passed is included with management's written representations in Attachment B to this letter, and summarizes uncorrected financial statement misstatements whose effects in the current and prior periods, as determined by management, are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole and each applicable opinion unit.

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,

Rehmann Lohson LLC

Attachment A - Upcoming Changes in Accounting Standards / Regulations

For the September 30, 2015 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 72 ■ Fair Value Measurement and Application

Effective 06/15/2016 (your FY 2016)

This standard defines "fair value" as the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants (an "exit price"). Fair value measurement is currently applied principally to investments, which GASB 72 does not change. However, it does introduce specific methods for measuring fair value when a market price is not readily available, and establishes a 3-level hierarchy of fair value that is disclosed in the footnotes, based on the presence or absence of observable market inputs.

GASB 73 ■ Pensions and Related Assets Not Within the Scope of GASB 68

Effective 06/15/2016 (your FY 2016)

This standard addresses accounting and financial reporting for pensions that were not covered by GASB Statement No. 68, because the plan assets are not held in trust. Essentially, it applies the same treatment as GASB 68, but reflects the total pension liability and plan assets separately, rather than a net pension liability. We do not expect this standard to have any significant effect on the Authority.

GASB 74 ■ Postemployment Benefit Plans Other than Pension Plans

Effective 06/15/2017 (your FY 2017)

This standard requires the calculation of a net other postemployment benefit (OPEB) liability based on an actuarial valuation of retiree healthcare and similar benefits administered by an OPEB trust. It mirrors the new accounting and financial reporting requirements of GASB 67 for pension plans.

GASB 75 ■ Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions

Effective 06/15/2018 (your FY 2018)

This standard builds on the requirements of GASB 74 by requiring employers that provide other postemployment benefits (OPEB) to recognize a net OPEB liability on their statements of net position. It mirrors the new accounting and financial reporting requirements of GASB 68 for pension benefits.

GASB 76 ■ The Hierarchy of GAAP for State and Local Governments

Effective 06/15/2016 (your FY 2016)

This standard clarifies the source of "generally accepted accounting principles" (GAAP) for governments. Authoritative sources of GAAP now include (1) GASB pronouncements, (2) GASB implementation guides, and (3) AICPA literature specifically cleared by the GASB. This standard does not change existing GAAP.

Attachment A - Upcoming Changes in Accounting Standards / Regulations

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GASB 77 ■ Tax Abatement Disclosures

Effective 12/15/2016 (your FY 2017)

This standard requires governments to disclose certain information about tax abatement agreements made to foster economic development or otherwise benefit the government or its citizens. Required disclosures include a brief description of the arrangement, the gross dollar amount of taxes abated in the current period, and any additional commitments made by the government as part of the agreement.

GASB 78 ■ Pensions Provided through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans *Effective 12/15/2016 (your FY 2017)*

This standard is an amendment to GASB 68, and provides guidance to governments that participate in non-governmental cost-sharing pension plans. We do not expect this standard to have any significant effect on the Authority.

GASB 79 ■ Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants

Effective 06/15/2016 (your FY 2016)

This standard essentially extends the guidance previously available to governments investing in 2a7-like external investment pools to carry investments at amortized cost, as an approximation of fair value. The SEC amended Rule 2a7 in 2014, so the GASB replicated its prior provisions in this statement. We do not expect this standard to have any significant effect on the Authority.

2 CFR 200 ■ Uniform Guidance for Federal Awards

Cost Principles Effective 12/26/2014; Single Audit Requirements Effective 12/26/2015 (your FY 2016)

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has consolidated seven separate circulars (including administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements) into a single federal regulation. The new Uniform Guidance covers all aspects of federal grants from pre-award through the single audit. While much of the guidance was simply reorganized and recodified, there were also several substantive changes to the single audit thresholds. A single audit will now only be required if total expenditures of federal awards exceed \$750,000 (up from \$500,000). The OMB also made revisions to the list of compliance requirements tested in a single audit.

In addition, the Uniform Guidance now explicitly requires grant recipients to have sound internal controls (which should be consistent with the COSO framework), and documented procedures for grant administration. Written procedures are required for payments (cash draws), procurement (including conflicts of interest), allowability of costs, compensation, and travel costs. Rehmann is available to assist grant recipients in developing/documenting these policies and procedures in compliance with the new requirements.

Attachment B - Management Representations

For the September 30, 2015 Audit

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



February 5, 2016

Rehmann Robson 2330 East Paris Avenue, SE Grand Rapids, MI 49516

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of *Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority* (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, 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 5, 2016:

Financial Statements

- 1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated August 12, 2015, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of the various opinion units referred to above in accordance with U.S. GAAP. We have reviewed, approved, and taken responsibility for the financial statements and related notes.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 5. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates are reasonable.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.

- 8. The effects of uncorrected misstatements summarized in the attached schedule and aggregated by you during the current engagement are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the applicable opinion units and to the financial statements as a whole.
- 9. The effects of all known actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 10. 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.
- 11. All component units, as well as joint ventures with an equity interest, are included and other joint ventures and related organizations are properly disclosed.
- 12. All funds and activities are properly classified.
- 13. 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.
- 14. All components of net position and fund balance classifications have been properly reported.
- 15. 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.
- 16. 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.
- 17. All interfund and intra-entity transactions and balances have been properly classified and reported.
- 18. Special items and extraordinary items 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.

Information Provided

- 22. 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.
- 23. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 24. 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.
- 25. 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.
- 26. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, vendors, regulators, or others.
- 27. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
- 28. 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.
- 29. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with or deficiencies in accounting, internal control, or financial reporting practices.
- 30. The government has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
- 31. We have disclosed to you all guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the government is contingently liable.
- 32. 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.

33. 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-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-62.
- 34. 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.
- 35. 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.
- 36. We have disclosed to you all significant estimates and material concentrations known to management that are required to be disclosed in accordance with GASB-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

- 37. 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

- 38. 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.

OMB Circular A-133

- 39. 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 Circular A-133.
 - b. We are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in accordance with Circular A-133.
 - c. We believe the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with Circular A-133.
 - 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. 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.
 - h. We have, in accordance with Circular A-133, 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.
 - i. 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.
 - j. We have provided to you our interpretations of any compliance requirements that have varying interpretations.
 - k. 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.

- l. 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.
- m. We have received no requests from a federal agency to audit one or more specific programs as a major program.
- n. 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.
- o. 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 U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Tribal Governments, and the U.S. Office of Management and Budget's, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.
- p. 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.
- q. 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).
- r. 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.
- s. We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the summary schedule of prior audit findings to include all findings required to be included by Circular A-133, 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.
- t. 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.
- u. We are responsible for and have accurately completed the appropriate sections of the Data Collection Form as required by Circular A-133, and we are responsible for preparing and implementing a correction action plan for each audit finding.
- v. 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.
- w. We have reviewed, approved, and taken responsibility for the financial statements and related notes.
- x. 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.

Tim Vagle, Director of Finance

Linda LeFebre, Director

Schedule of Adjustments Passed (SOAP)

For the September 30, 2015 Audit

In accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we have prepared the following schedule of proposed audit adjustments, which we believe are immaterial both individually and in the aggregate. We are providing this schedule to both management and those charged with governance to receive their assurance that they agree that the amounts listed below are not material to the financial statements, either individually or in the aggregate, and do not need to be recorded.

	Effect of Passed Adjustment - Over(Under)Statement									
	Assets		Liabilities		Beginning Equity		Revenues		Expenses/ Expenditures	
General fund / governmental activities Unposted prepaid expenses & over accrual related to insurance premiums	\$	(10,599)	\$	3,495	\$	(27,310)	\$		\$	(13,216)
Misstatement as a percentage of total assets - governmental activities		-0.10%		0.03%		-0.25%		0.00%		-0.12%

Macatawa Area
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Year Ended September 30, 2015

Single Audit Act Compliance



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

February 5, 2016

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 aggregate remaining fund information of the Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated February 5, 2016, 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 OMB Circular A-133 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, 2015

Federal Agency / Cluster / Program Title	CFDA 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-90-X694	\$ 1,200,000
Section 5309 (capital grant)	20.500	Direct	MI-90-X107	128,000
Section 5309 (capital grant)	20.500	Direct	MI-90-X680	165,791
Section 5309 (capital grant)	20.500	Direct	MI-90-X694	3,521
				1,497,312
New Freedom Program	20.521	MDOT	2012-0121/P11	140,039
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards				\$ 1,637,351

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

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, 2015. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.* 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.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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 OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments,* wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

3. PASS-THROUGH AGENCIES

The Authority receives certain federal grant 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

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 5, 2016

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 aggregate remaining fund information of the *Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority* (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, 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 5, 2016.

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) to determine the 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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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 EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

February 5, 2016

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

Report on Compliance for Each 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 *2 CFR 200 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the Authority's major federal program for the year ended September 30, 2015. 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 the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants 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 OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.* Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 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, 2015.

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 OMB Circular A-133, 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 that 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 OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

<u>Financial Statements</u>			
Type of auditors' report issued:	Unmodified		
Internal control over financial reporting:			
Material weakness(es) identified?	yes	Χ	_no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	yes	Χ	none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	yes	X	_no
Federal Awards			
Internal control over major programs:			
Material weakness(es) identified?	yes	Х	_no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	yes	Χ	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 Circular A-133, Section 510(a)?	yes	Х	_no
Identification of major programs:			
<u>CFDA Number</u>	Name of Federal Pr	<u>rogram</u>	or Cluster
20.500 and 20.507	Federal Transit Cluster		
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	\$300,000		
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	χ yes		no

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None reported

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None reported

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

None reported

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Year Ended September 30, 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

February 5, 2016

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 aggregate remaining fund information of the *Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority* (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, 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 audit 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 aggregate remaining fund information of the Authority as of September 30, 2015, 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.

Other Matters

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 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 agency fund combining 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 Schedules and Reconciliations of OAR Schedules to Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance for Governmental Fund 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 5, 2016, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, 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

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, 2015. 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 \$10,517,838 (net position). Of this amount, \$2,414,404 was unrestricted and may be used to meet the Authority's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- · The Authority's total net position decreased by \$83,481 from operations during fiscal 2015.
- · As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Authority's General Fund reported an ending fund balance of \$2,390,769, an increase of \$312,610.
- · Total fund balance was 57.4% 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 three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

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 changes in fund balances 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 changes 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.

Fiduciary Funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Authority's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

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 Bureau of Passenger Transportation (BPT).

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 \$10,517,838 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

	Governmental Activities			
	2015	2014		
Current and other assets	\$ 2,725,564	\$ 2,524,648		
Capital assets, net	8,103,434	8,499,349		
Total assets	10,828,998	11,023,997		
Total liabilities	311,160	422,678		
Net position:				
Investment in capital assets	8,103,434	8,499,349		
Unrestricted	2,414,404	2,101,970		
Total net position	\$10,517,838	\$10,601,319		
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A substantial portion of the Authority's net position, \$8,103,434 (77.0 percent), reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, vehicles, equipment and infrastructure). 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 \$2,414,404 (23.0 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.

Statement of Activities

	Governmental Activities				
	2015	2014			
Program revenues:					
Charges for services	\$ 373,132	\$ 399,331			
Operating grants	2,819,110	2,913,736			
Capital grants	370,760	498,179			
General revenues:					
Property taxes	900,156	863,837			
Unrestricted investment earnings	5,315	3,769			
Total revenues	4,468,473	4,678,852			
Expenses:					
Public Transportation	4,551,954	4,689,149			
Change in net position	(83,481)	(10,297)			
Net position, beginning of year	10,601,319	10,611,616			
Net position, end of year	\$10,517,838	\$10,601,319			

Management's Discussion and Analysis

The Authority's net position decreased by \$83,481 during the current fiscal year. The Michigan Department of Transportation pays transit agencies by formula a percentage of their eligible expenses under Act 51. In Fiscal Year 2014, MDOT paid 39.30% of eligible expenses and in FY 2015 paid 36.34% of eligible expenses. Eligible expenses in FY 2014 were \$3,687,075. Eligible expenses in FY 2015 were \$3,560,890. Both the reduced eligible expenses and the decreased percentage of operating assistance contributed to the change in net position.

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 \$312,610. The growth was a result of lower expenditures and an increase in property tax revenue.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The original revenue and other financing sources budget was \$4,225,201 and as amended was \$5,458,151 which represents an increase of \$1,232,950. The original expenditure budget was \$4,215,098 and as amended was \$5,474,048 which represents an increase of \$1,258,950.

The most significant differences between the original budget and the amended budget are related to grants. The original budget was amended to include the new federal grants that were awarded during the fiscal year; increasing the intergovernmental revenue and capital outlay expenditure budgets.

Actual expenditures came in \$1,305,716 less than the amended budget. Actual payroll, legal, fuel and commercial expenses came in less than projected. Vacant positions and unexpended grant funds contributed to the favorable expenditure budget variance.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets. The Authority invested \$373,400 in land, buildings, equipment and vehicles during the fiscal period to service Authority users.

Governmental Activities

		2015	2014		
Land	\$	249,289	\$	249,289	
Land improvements, net	7	572,526	7	620,101	
Buildings, equipment and vehicles, net		7,281,619		7,629,959	
Total capital assets, net	\$	8,103,434	\$	8,499,349	

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

Long-Term Debt. The Authority had no long-term debt at September 30, 2015 or 2014.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates

Service levels remain at nine (9) fixed routes and paratransit service (demand response) to residents in City of Holland, City of Zeeland and Holland Charter Township. Limited demand response service is provided to Zeeland Charter Township. The Authority receives Section 5310 funding for operation of the Night Owl service. Section 5310 funds are Federal funds allocated to the State of Michigan.

In 2012 the voters approved a 0.40 millage tax rate that is good until December 31, 2016. Overall property values are increasing signficantly but taxable value increases are limited to the rate of inflation per State law. As properties are sold, the taxable values are uncapped. The net growth in taxable value has been in the three percent range. The unemployment rate within the City has dropped and all indications point to a very solid economic growth in the years ahead.

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 Mrs. Michelle Sabala, Macatawa Area Express Transportation Authority, 270 River Ave., Holland, Michigan 49423.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Net Position

September 30, 2015

		overnmental Activities
Assets		
Cash and pooled investments	\$	2,575,711
Receivables, net		132,959
Prepaid items		16,894
Capital assets:		
Not being depreciated		249,289
Being depreciated, net		7,854,145
		_
Total assets		10,828,998
		_
Liabilities		
Payables		204,359
Unearned revenue		3,320
Compensated absences		103,481
Total liabilities		311,160
Net position		
Investment in capital assets		8,103,434
Unrestricted		2,414,404
	-	
Total net position	\$	10,517,838

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

		Program Revenues					
Functions / Programs	Expenses	Charges Services	C	Operating Grants and Intributions	Gr	Capital rants and atributions	Net Expense) Revenue
Governmental activities Public transportation	\$ 4,551,954	\$ 373,132	\$	2,819,110	\$	370,760	\$ (988,952)
General revenues Property taxes Investment earnings - un	nrestricted						 900,156 5,315
Total general revenues							 905,471
Change in net position							(83,481)
Net position, beginning of	year						 10,601,319
Net position, end of year							\$ 10,517,838

Balance Sheet

Governmental Fund September 30, 2015

	General Fund
Assets	
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 2,472,230
Receivables:	
Accounts	9,147
Taxes, net	54,559
Due from other governmental units	69,253
Prepaid items	16,894
Total assets	\$ 2,622,083
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 47,318
Accrued payroll and benefits	58,497
Due to other governmental units	98,544
Unearned revenue	 3,320
Total liabilities	207,679
Deferred inflow of resources	
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	 23,635
Fund balance	
Nonspendable - prepaids	16,894
Unassigned	 2,373,875
Total fund balance	 2,390,769
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance	\$ 2,622,083

Reconciliation

Fund Balance for Governmental Fund to Net Position of Governmental Activities September 30, 2015

Fund balance - governmental fund

\$ 2,390,769

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 Capital assets being depreciated, net

249,289 7,854,145

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

23,635

Net position of governmental activities

\$ 10,517,838

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance

Governmental Fund For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

	General Fund
Revenues	
Property taxes	\$ 900,332
Passenger fares	313,911
Intergovernmental:	
Federal	1,637,351
State	1,467,570
Local	84,949
Charges for services	59,221
Interest income	 5,315
Total revenues	 4,468,649
Expenditures	
Current:	
Public transportation:	
Management and administration	576,557
Personal services - customer	
service and marketing	303,085
Routine operations	2,302,042
Maintenance	613,612
Capital outlay	 373,036
Total expenditures	 4,168,332
Revenues over expenditures	 300,317
Other financing sources	
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	5,274
Insurance recoveries	 7,019
Total other financing sources	 12,293
Net change in fund balance	312,610
Fund balance, beginning of year	 2,078,159
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 2,390,769

Reconciliation	
Net Change in Fund Balance of Governmental Fund to Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015	
Net change in fund balance - governmental fund	\$ 312,610
Amounts reported for <i>governmental activities</i> 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	373,400
Depreciation expense	(754,491)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	(5,274)
Loss from sale of capital assets	(9,550)
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.	(474)
Net change in unavailable property taxes	 (176)

(83,481)

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

Change in net position of governmental activities

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance

Budget and Actual - General Fund For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Actual Over (Under) Final Budget
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 854,300	\$ 854,300	\$ 900,332	\$ 46,032
Passenger fares	354,000	354,000	313,911	(40,089)
Intergovernmental: Federal	1 441 000	2,044,275	1 427 251	(406-024)
State	1,441,000 1,407,481	2,0 44 ,275 2,045,156	1,637,351 1,467,570	(406,924) (577,586)
Local	78,700	78,700	84,949	6,249
Charges for services	69,520	69,520	59,221	(10,299)
Interest income	4,000	4,000	5,315	1,315
interest income	4,000	4,000	<u> </u>	1,313
Total revenues	4,209,001	5,449,951	4,468,649	(981,302)
Expenditures Current: Public transportation:				
Management and administration	646,648	629,648	576,557	(53,091)
Personal services - customer	0.10,0.10	027,010	37 3,337	(33,071)
service and marketing	289,900	319,900	303,085	(16,815)
Routine operations	2,758,200	2,681,200	2,302,042	(379,158)
Maintenance	470,350	674,665	613,612	(61,053)
Other services and charges	50,000	-	-	-
Capital outlay		1,168,635	373,036	(795,599)
Total expenditures	4,215,098	5,474,048	4,168,332	(1,305,716)
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(6,097)	(24,097)	300,317	324,414
Other financing sources				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	100	100	5,274	5,174
Insurance recoveries	16,100	8,100	7,019	(1,081)
Total other financing sources	16,200	8,200	12,293	4,093
Net change in fund balance	10,103	(15,897)	312,610	328,507
Fund balance, beginning of year	2,078,159	2,078,159	2,078,159	
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 2,088,262	\$ 2,062,262	\$ 2,390,769	\$ 328,507

Statement of Net Position

Proprietary Fund September 30, 2015

		ernmental ctivities
	S	nternal ervice Fund
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and pooled investments	\$	103,481
Liabilities		
Current liabilities:		
Compensated absences		103,481
Net position		
Unrestricted	\$	-

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Fund Net Position

Proprietary Fund For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

		ernmental ctivities
	S	nternal ervice Fund
Operating revenues		
Charges for services	\$	90,131
Operating expenses Personal services		90,131
Change in net position		-
Net position, beginning of year		<u>-</u>
Net position, end of year	\$	

Statement of Cash Flows

Proprietary Fund

For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

	ernmental ctivities
	nternal Service Fund
Cash flows from operating activities	
Cash payments for interfund services	\$ (6,632)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	 110,113
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 103,481
Reconciliation of change in fund net position to net cash used in operating activities: Change in net position Adjustment to reconcile change in net position to net cash used in operating activities: Change in: Compensated absences	\$ (6,632)
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (6,632)

Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities

September 30, 2015

		Agency Funds		
Assets				
Cash and pooled investments		\$	36,674	
Liabilities Accounts payable Other liabilities and deposits Due to other governmental units	<u> </u>	\$	3,505 1,198 31,971	
Total liabilities	<u> </u>	\$	36,674	

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Notes to Financial Statements

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of 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. 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, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements.

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. Agency funds, a type of fiduciary fund, are unlike all other types of funds, reporting only assets and liabilities. Therefore, agency funds cannot be said to have a measurement focus. They do, however, use the accrual basis of accounting to recognize receivables and payables.

Notes to Financial Statements

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 funds:

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 types:

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.

Agency Funds are used to account for assets held on behalf of outside parties, including other governments in a purely custodial capacity.

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 funds 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 consist 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.

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 unearned.

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.

Notes to Financial Statements

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 market value 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 equipment and furniture	5-20
Vehicles	7-10

The eligible depreciation of \$27,172, reported in the supplementary expenditure schedules required by the State of Michigan Bureau of Passenger Transportation (BPT), includes only the depreciation of assets purchased with local funds and where the useful life of the asset purchased has been approved by the BPT.

Compensated Absenses

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.

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.

Notes to Financial Statements

Interfund Transactions

During the course of normal operations, the Authority has numerous transactions between funds, including expenditures and transfers of resources to provide services. The accompanying financial statements generally reflect operating subsidies as transfers.

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.

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.

Notes to Financial Statements

2. BUDGETARY INFORMATION

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

- 1. The MAX 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 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 MAX 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.

P.A 621 of 1978, as amended, provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount budgeted. During the year ended September 30, 2015, the Authority had no budget violations.

3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The Authority reported cash and pooled investments as of September 30, 2015 under the following classifications:

	Primary Government		Agency Funds		Totals	
Cash and pooled investments	\$	2,575,711	\$	36,674	\$ 2,612,385	
For note disclosure purposes, these amount are classifi						
Petty cash Checking and savings accounts Certificates of deposit (all due within one year)					\$ 800 1,107,136 1,504,449	
Total					\$ 2,612,385	

Notes to Financial Statements

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 yearend, \$1,360,316 of the Authority's bank balance of \$2,610,316 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

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 above. The Authority's investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of state law pertaining to investment credit risk. The Authority did not have any rated investments at year-end.

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 did not have any investments at year-end.

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.

4. RECEIVABLES AND DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES

Receivables are comprised of the following at year-end:

Accounts	\$ 9,147
Taxes *	54,559
Due from other governments	69,253
Total	\$ 132,959

^{*} Net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$2,339.

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 \$23,635.

Notes to Financial Statements

5. PAYABLES

Payables are comprised of the following at year-end:

Accounts	\$ 47,318
Accrued payroll and benefits	58,497
Due to other governments	 98,544
Total	\$ 204,359

6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the Authority for the year ended September 30, 2015, was as follows:

	Beginning				Ending
	Balance	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	Balance
Capital assets, not being deprec	iatod:				
Land	\$ 249,289	¢	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 249,289
Land	3 247,207	-	-	, -	3 247,207
Capital assets, being depreciate	d:				
Land improvements	776,917	-	(20,436)	-	756,481
Buildings	5,140,721	-	-	-	5,140,721
Machinery and equipment	939,417	95,192	(10,500)	-	1,024,109
Office furniture and					
equipment	98,322	-	-	-	98,322
Vehicles	4,757,068	278,208	(221,881)	-	4,813,395
	11,712,445	373,400	(252,817)	-	11,833,028
Less accumulated depreciation f	or:				
Land improvements	(156,816)	(37,551)	10,412	_	(183,955)
Buildings	(172,791)	(120,290)	-	_	(293,081)
Machinery and equipment	(590,476)	(109,999)	8,402	_	(692,073)
Office furniture and	, , ,	, , ,	,		` , ,
equipment	(27,039)	(9,051)	-	-	(36,090)
Vehicles	(2,515,263)	(477,600)	219,179	-	(2,773,684)
•	(3,462,385)	(754,491)	237,993	-	(3,978,883)
Total capital assets	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
being depreciated, net	8,250,060	(381,091)	(14,824)	-	7,854,145
Governmental activities					
capital assets, net	\$ 8,499,349	\$ (381,091)	\$ (14,824)	\$ -	\$ 8,103,434

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

Governmental activities:

Public transportation \$ 754,491

Notes to Financial Statements

7. 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.

8. 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 \$53,713 and employees contributed \$12,593 to the defined contribution plan.

9. 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.

10. LEASE COMMITMENT

The Authority leases the Padnos Transportation Center from the City of Holland (the "City") for \$1 per year. The current lease term expires at June 30, 2016. 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 buildings is insured through the City's self-insurance pool.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Combining Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities

Agency Funds September 30, 2015

	FI Spen	ployees' exible ding Plan Fund	mprest Payroll Fund	Total	
Assets					
Cash and pooled investments	\$	1,198	\$ 35,476	\$	36,674
Liabilities Accounts payable Other liabilities and deposits Due to other governmental units	\$	1,198 -	\$ 3,505 - 31,971	\$	3,505 1,198 31,971
Total liabilities	\$	1,198	\$ 35,476	\$	36,674

Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities

Agency Funds For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Balance October 1,						Balance September 30,	
		2014		Additions	ı	Deletions		2015
Employees' Flexible Spending Plan Fun	d							
Assets Cash and pooled investments	\$	2,068	\$	722	\$	1,592	\$	1,198
Liabilities								
Other liabilities and deposits	\$	2,068	\$	722	\$	1,592	\$	1,198
Imprest Payroll Fund								
Assets Cash and pooled investments	\$	81,575	\$	976,241	\$	1,022,340	\$	35,476
Liabilities								
Accounts payable	\$	4,601	\$	537,853	\$	538,949	\$	3,505
Due to other governmental units		76,974		438,388		483,391		31,971
Total liabilities	\$	81,575	\$	976,241	\$	1,022,340	\$	35,476
Total All Agency Funds								
Assets Cash and pooled investments	\$	83,643	\$	976,963	\$	1,023,932	\$	36,674
Liabilities								
Accounts payable	\$	4,601	\$	537,853	\$	538,949	\$	3,505
Other liabilities and deposits		2,068		722		1,592		1,198
Due to other governmental units		76,974		438,388		483,391		31,971
Total liabilities	\$	83,643	\$	976,963	\$	1,023,932	\$	36,674

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MICHIGAN BUREAU OF PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULES

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

Federal and State Agency / Pass- Through Grantor / Program Title	CFDA Number	Pass-through / Grantor Number	Program Award Amount
U.S. Department of Transportation Direct assistance: Federal Transit Operating Grant - Section 5307	20.507	90-X694	\$ 1,200,000
Capital Grant - Section 5309 Capital Grant - Section 5309 Capital Grant - Section 5309 Total U.S. Department of Transportation	20.500 20.500 20.500	95-X107 90-X694 90-X680	160,000 655,000 325,000 2,340,000
Michigan Department of Transportation Operating assistance - Act 51:			
Year ended September 30, 2015 Year ended September 30, 2014 New Freedom program:	n/a n/a	n/a n/a	1,420,451 (38,327)
Operating assistance Operating - Mobility Management Total Michigan Department of Transportation	20.521 20.521	2012-0121/P11 2012-0121/P11	105,000 60,000 1,547,124
Total Expenditures of Federal and State Awards			\$ 3,887,124

Current Year Expenditures												
	Total	Federal		State			Local		Prior Year's Expenditures		Award Amoun Remaining	
\$	1,200,000	\$	1,200,000	\$	-	\$		-	\$	-	\$	-
	160,000		128,000		32,000			-		-		-
	3,521		3,521		-			-		-		651,479
	207,239		165,791		41,448			-		6,732		111,029
	1,570,760		1,497,312		73,448			-		6,732		762,508
	1,420,451		-		1,420,451			-		-		-
	(38,327)		-		(38,327)			-		-		-
	92,043		92,043		-			-		-		12,957
	59,994		47,996		11,998			-		-		6
	1,534,161		140,039		1,394,122			_		-		12,963
\$	3,104,921	\$	1,637,351	\$	1,467,570	\$			\$	6,732	\$	775,471

Schedule of Operating Revenues

Urban Regular Service

For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

Code	Description	Total
401.	Farebox revenues	
40100	Passenger fares	\$ 292,656
40200	Contract fares	9,679
10200	Contract rures	7,077
	Total Farebox revenues	302,335
		<u> </u>
405:	Charter	
40500	Charter service	
	Auxiliary transit revenues	25 (2)
40615 40620	Advertising	25,626
40620	Intercity ticket sales Other auxiliary transit revenues (cash short/over, nsf charges)	20,377 1,594
40077	Other auxitiary transit revenues (cash short/over, his charges)	1,374
	Total auxiliary transit revenues	47,597
	Total authority transition revenues	,
407:	Non-transit revenues	
40720	Rental of buildings and other property	13,198
40760	Gains from sale of capital assets	5,274
40799	Other non-transit revenues (insurance recoveries)	7,019
	Total non-transit revenues	25,491
	Total Holl (Falls) (Toverlad)	23, 171
408/409:	Local revenues	
40800	Taxes levied directly for/by transit agency	818,290
40910	Local operating assistance - from surrounding local governments	84,949
	Total Local revenues	903,239
444.	Chake farmed as and as where the	
41101	State formulas and contracts	1,382,124
41101	State operating assistance	1,302,124
413:	Federal contracts	
41302	Federal section 5307 (operating funds only)	1,200,000
41314	Other capital contract reimbursement for operating expenses	-
	Federal contracts	1,200,000
	Other revenues	E 345
41400	Interest income	5,315
	Total operating revenues	\$ 3,866,101
	Total operating Teveniues	7 3,000,101

Note:

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.

Schedule of Operating Revenues New Freedom

For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

Code	Description	Total
401:	Farebox revenues	
40100	Passenger fares	\$ 10,002
405:	Charter	
40500	Charter service	 -
	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	82,042
40910	Local operating assistance	
	Total local revenues	82,042
411:	State formulas and contracts	
41101	State operating assistance	
413:	Federal contracts	
41302	Federal section 5317	 92,043
414:	Other revenues	
41400	Interest income	 -
	Total operating revenues	\$ 184,087

Schedule of Operating Expenses Urban Regular Service

For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

Code	Description	Operations	Maintenance	General Administration	Total
501: 50101 50102 50103	Labor Operators' salaries and wages Other salaries and wages Dispatcher salaries and wages	\$ 947,323 238,465 72,447	\$ - 55,541 -	\$ - 259,448	\$ 947,323 553,454 72,447
	Total labor	1,258,235	55,541	259,448	1,573,224
50200	Fringe benefits Other	448,120	36,218	118,236	602,574
50201	Pensions Total fringe benefits	24,804 472,924	4,074	19,720	48,598 651,172
503: 50302 50305 50399	Services Advertising Audit cost Other	- - 13,174	- - 476,169	68,307 6,668 153,616	68,307 6,668 642,959
	Total services	13,174	476,169	228,591	717,934
504: 50401 50402 50499	Materials Fuel and lubricants Tires Other	295,238 21,922 13,591	- - 10,887	- - 24,098	295,238 21,922 48,576
	Total materials	330,751	10,887	24,098	365,736
50500	Utilities			75,731	75,731
506: 50603	Insurance Liability insurance	121,141			121,141
509: 50902 50903 50999	Miscellaneous expenses Travel, meetings and training Association dues and subscriptions Other	- - -	- - -	14,365 9,705 11,124	14,365 9,705 11,124
	Total miscellaneous expenses			35,194	35,194
51200	Operating leases and rentals	1,011			1,011
513: 51300 51300	Depreciation Grant assets Other assets	- -	<u>-</u>	727,319 27,172	727,319 27,172
	Total depreciation			754,491	754,491

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Schedule of Operating Expenses

Urban Regular Service

For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

Code	Description	Opera	ations	Mainte	nance	General ninistration	Total
550/576: 55007 55008 54000	Ineligible expenses Ineligible depreciation Other ineligible expenses Ineligible prior year refunds and credits Total ineligible expenses	\$	7,019 7,019	\$	- - -	\$ 727,319 406 - 727,725	\$ 727,319 406 7,019 734,744
	Total expenses						4,295,634
	Total ineligible expenses						734,744
	Total eligible expenses						\$ 3,560,890

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Notes:

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 Federal OMB Circular A-87. 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. Amounts equal to the insurance recoveries (\$406) are subtracted out as ineligible expenses on OAR Schedule 4E.

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

Schedule of Operating Expenses New Freedom

For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

				General		
Code	Description	Operations	Maintenance	Administration		Total
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	Labor					
50101	Operators' salaries and wages	\$ 35,827	\$ -	\$ -	\$	35,827
50102	Other salaries and wages	12,458	2,898	30,873		46,229
50103	Dispatcher salaries and wages	3,792				3,792
	Takal lahan	F2 077	2 000	20.072		05.040
	Total labor	52,077	2,898	30,873		85,848
502:	Fringe benefits					
50200	Other	28,862	1,972	7,673		38,507
50201	Pensions	1,292	212	1,027		2,531
	Total fringe benefits	30,154	2,184	8,700		41,038
503+	Services					
50302	Advertising	_	_	3,586		3,586
50302	Audit cost	-	-	3,380		3,380
50399	Other	685	25,073	8,062		33,820
30377	otilei		25,075	0,002		33,020
	Total services	685	25,073	11,979		37,737
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504:	Materials					
50401	Fuel and lubricants	13,824	-	-		13,824
50402	Tires	1,139	-	-		1,139
50499	Other	707	569	1,250		2,526
		45.470	5.0	4.050		47 400
	Total materials	15,670	569	1,250		17,489
50500	Utilities	-	-	3,968		3,968
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506:	Insurance					
50603	Liability insurance	6,216				6,216
F00.	Missallanagus synansas					
50902	Miscellaneous expenses Travel, meetings and training			755		755
50902	Association dues and subscriptions	-	-	483		483
50903	Other	-	-	625		625
30999	Other	-		023		023
	Total miscellaneous expenses	-	-	1,863		1,863
	•				-	,
550/576:	Ineligible expenses					
54000	Ineligible prior year refunds and credits	-	-	72		72
55000	Ineligible JARC & NF fares			10,002		10,002
	-			10.074		40.074
	Total ineligible expenses			10,074		10,074
	Total expenses					194,159
	Total expenses					171,137
	Total ineligible expenses					10,074
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	Total eligible expenses				<u>\$</u>	184,085

(Unaudited)

Schedule of Operating and Contract Expenses Urban Regular Services

Urban Regular Services
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

					General			
	0	Operations		Maintenance		Administration		Total
Operating expenses								
Labor	\$	1,258,235	\$	55,541	\$	259,448	\$	1,573,224
Other fringe benefits		448,120		36,218		118,236		602,574
Pensions		24,804		4,074		19,720		48,598
Audit cost		-		-		6,668		6,668
Other services		13,174		476,169		221,923		711,266
Materials		330,751		10,887		24,098		365,736
Utilities		-		-		75,731		75,731
Insurance		121,141		-		-		121,141
Miscellaneous expenses		-		-		35,194		35,194
Lease and other rentals		1,011		-		-		1,011
Depreciation				-		754,491		754,491
Total operating expenses	\$	2,197,236	\$	582,889	\$	1,515,509	\$	4,295,634

(Unaudited)

Schedule of Operating and Contract Expenses

New Freedom

For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

					General			
	Op	erations	Maintenance		Administration			Total
Operating expenses								
Labor	\$	52,077	\$	2,898	\$	30,873	\$	85,848
Other fringe benefits		28,862		1,972		7,673		38,507
Pensions		1,292		212		1,027		2,531
Audit cost		-		-		331		331
Other services		685		25,073		11,648		37,406
Materials		15,670		569		1,250		17,489
Utilities		-		-		3,968		3,968
Insurance		6,216		-		-		6,216
Miscellaneous expenses				-		1,863		1,863
Total operating expenses	\$	104,802	\$	30,724	\$	58,633	\$	194,159

(Unaudited)

Operating Assistance Calculation Urban Regular Services	
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015	
Total expenses	\$ 4,295,634
Less ineligible expenses:	
Depreciation	727,319
Other expenses	406
Prior year refunds and credits	7,019
Total ineligible expenses	 734,744
Total State eligible expenses	\$ 3,560,890
Eligible expenses for State reimbursement	\$ 3,560,890
Reimbursement percentage	 36.34%
State operating assistance	\$ 1,294,027

(Unaudited)

Schedule of Vehicle Miles

For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Public	New	
	Service	Freedom	Total
First quarter (October-December)	210,460	10,370	220,830
Second quarter (January-March)	207,389	11,013	218,402
Third quarter (April-June)	204,743	10,519	215,262
Fourth quarter (July-September)	191,969	10,429	202,398
Total	814,561	42,331	856,892

Note:

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

(Unaudited)

Schedule of Vehicle Hours For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Public	New	
	Service	Freedom	Total
First quarter (October-December)	17,905	885	18,790
Second quarter (January-March)	18,004	874	18,878
Third quarter (April-June)	17,759	886	18,645
Fourth quarter (July-September)	16,619	886	17,505
Total	70,287	3,531	73,818

(Unaudited)

Schedule of Line-Haul Passenger Data and Vehicle Hours For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Vehicle Hours	Regular Passengers	Senior Passengers	Handicapped Passengers	Senior/ Handicapped Passengers	Total Passenger
First quarter (October-December)	8,672	66,668	4,156	20,336	-	91,160
Second quarter (January-March)	8,556	68,269	4,505	20,316	-	93,090
Third quarter (April-June)	8,751	64,081	5,184	22,316	-	91,581
Fourth quarter (July-September)	8,692	56,563	5,418	22,881		84,862
Total	34,671	255,581	19,263	85,849		360,693

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Schedule of Demand Response Passenger Data and Vehicle Hours For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Vehicle Hours	Regular Passengers	Senior Passengers	Handicapped Passengers	Senior/ Handicapped Passengers	Total Passenger
First quarter (October-December) Second quarter (January-March) Third quarter (April-June)	9,233 9,448 9,008	4,244 3,708 3,439	1,089 865 919	19,139 18,706 18,370	- -	24,472 23,279 22,728
Fourth quarter (July-September) Total	7,927 35,616	2,101	913 3,786	15,366 71,581	<u> </u>	18,380 88,859

3,531

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10,225

Schedule of New Freedom Passenger Data and Vehicle Hours For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

Total

Senior/ Vehicle Regular Senior Handicapped Handicapped Total Hours Passengers Passengers Passenger Passengers Passengers First quarter (October-December) 885 1,690 41 586 2,317 Second quarter (January-March) 874 1,974 62 591 2,627 78 699 Third quarter (April-June) 886 1,837 2,614 Fourth quarter (July-September) 79 886 1,875 713 2,667

7,376

260

2,589

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

Reconciliation

OAR Operating Revenues to Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance for Governmental Fund For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

Code	Description		Jrban egular	F	New reedom
401:	Farebox revenues				
40100	Passenger fares	\$	292,656	\$	10,002
40200	Contract fares	·	9,679	·	-
405:	Charter				
40500	Charter service		-		-
406:	Auxiliary transit revenues				
40615	Advertising		25,626		-
40620	Intercity ticket sales		20,377		-
40699	Other auxiliary transit revenues (cash short/over, court				
	recovery fees, nsf charges)		1,594		-
407:	Non-transit revenues				
40720	Rental of buildings and other property		13,198		-
40760	Gains on sales of capital assets		5,274		-
40799	Other non-transit revenues (insurance recoveries)		7,019		-
408/409	Local revenues				
40800	Taxes levied directly for/by transit agency		818,290		82,042
40910	Local operating assistance		84,949		-
411:	State formulas and contracts				
41101	State operating assistance		1,382,124		-
413:	Federal contracts				
41302	Federal section 5307 (operating funds only)		1,200,000		92,043
41314	Other capital contract reimbursement for operating expenses		-		-
414:	Other revenues				
41400	Interest income		5,315		-
	Total operating revenues	\$	3,866,101	\$	184,087

^{*} Cash over and short classified with passenger fares on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance.

[^] Capital and other grants not included on the OAR. OAR only contains current year operating grants.

(Unaudited)

Reconciling Items	Statement Total	Statement Classification
	* \$ 304,232 9,679	
-	\$ 313,911 \$ 25,626	Passenger fares
-	\$ 25,626 20,377	
(1,574)	* 20	
-	13,198 \$ 59,221	Charges for services
-	\$ 5,274 7,019 \$ 12,293	Other financing sources
-	\$ 900,332 \$ 84,949	Property taxes Intergovernmental - local
85,446	\$ 1,467,570	Intergovernmental - state
345,308	-	
	\$ 1,637,351	Intergovernmental - federal
-	\$ 5,315	Interest income

(Unaudited)

Reconciliation

OAR Operating Expenses to Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance for Governmental Fund For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

Total operating	expenses per OAR:
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Nonurban Regular	\$ 4,295,634
New Freedom	194,159
	4,489,793
Reconciling items:	
Capital outlay expense is not included on the OAR as those costs are reimbursed by capital grants, if eligible	373,036
Depreciation expense is not reported in the governmental fund as it does not represent current available resources	(754,491)
Amounts funded by New Freedom Mobility Management grant and not reported as operating expenditures on the OAR	59,994
Total expenditures per governmental fund statement	\$ 4,168,332