

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019



Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
St. Petersburg, Florida



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Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

For Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2019 and 2018

Vision

To be the people's first choice for transportation and a driving force for social, environmental, and economic vitality in the community through innovation and partnership.

Our Mission

To safely connect people to places.

Prepared by the Finance Department

PINELLAS SUNCOAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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SECTION I
INTRODUCTORY SECTION

Transmittal Letter

May 15, 2020

Joseph Barkley, Board Chair and
Members of the Board of Directors of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and
Citizens of our Service Area

Dear Board Chair, Board Members and Citizens:

We are pleased to submit to you the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA or Authority) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019 and 2018.

State law requires that all independent special districts publish each fiscal year a complete set of financial statements presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) and audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America by a firm of licensed certified public accountants.

This report has been compiled and prepared by the Authority's management. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of the Authority has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed both to protect the Authority's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient, reliable information for the preparation of the Authority's financial statements in conformity with GAAP. The Authority's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement. As management, we assert that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, a firm of licensed certified public accountants, has audited the Authority's basic financial statements. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the Authority for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and any significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion that the Authority's financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP.

The CAFR is presented in three sections: Introductory, Financial and Statistical. The Introductory section consists of this letter of transmittal that provides an overview of the Authority, economic environment, financial performance and other pertinent financial information.

The Financial Section includes the Independent Auditors' Report, Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), the basic financial statements and notes thereto, and required supplementary information.

Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) immediately follows the independent auditors' report and provides a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis of the basic financial statements. The MD&A complements this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

The Statistical Section sets forth financial trends, revenue capacity, demographic, and economic and operating information.

The Authority is also required by federal and state regulations to undergo an audit of federally and state funded programs that it administers. The standards governing the Single Audit engagement require the independent auditor to report on the audited government's internal controls and compliance with laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each major federal and state program. The reports related specifically to the Single Audit are within the regulatory section of this document.

Profile of the Authority

The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority was created in 1984 via a merger of the St. Petersburg Municipal Transit System and the Central Pinellas Transit Authority to provide Pinellas County with a cohesive public transit system. Today, a fleet of 194 buses and 16 trolleys serve 42 fixed routes including two express routes to Hillsborough County.

Pinellas County is 280 square miles with approximately 977,060 residents. Pinellas County is located along the west coast of Florida and includes a corridor of smaller beach communities along the Gulf of Mexico. Pinellas County is the second smallest county in the state of Florida; however, it is the most densely populated county in the state and is nearly three times more densely populated than the next closest county. The Authority serves most of the unincorporated area and 19 of the County's 24 municipalities. This accounts for 98% of the county's population and 97% of its land area. The cities of St. Pete Beach, Treasure Island, Kenneth City, Belleair Beach, and Belleair Shore are not members of the Authority; however, St. Pete Beach and Treasure Island do contract for trolley service.

During fiscal year 2019, Authority directly operated vehicles traveled a total of 8.9 million revenue miles, providing approximately 663,583 hours of service, and 12.1 million passenger trips.

Officials

The Authority is governed by a board of directors comprised of thirteen elected officials, and two non-elected officials, one of which is appointed by the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners and the other by the St. Petersburg City Council. Operating expenses are covered primarily through state and federal funds, passenger fares, and ad valorem taxes.

Services and Service Delivery

The Authority provides virtually all public transportation services in Pinellas County. These services include fixed route, demand response, and specialized services. The Authority maintains over 4,602 bus stops, 537 shelters, 14 transfer hubs, 4 customer service centers, and a fleet of 210 fixed route vehicles.

Persons with disabilities who are unable to use regular bus service may be eligible for an ADA paratransit specialized service or Demand Response Transportation (DART). Paratransit services provide people with disabilities, including veterans, with rides to doctors' appointments, work, school, and other critical

destinations. This curb-to-curb service is tailored for those who because of their disability are unable to independently use PSTA’s regular accessible buses.

In FY 2019, with a discretionary grant award from the Federal Transit Administration, PSTA built on a new pilot service for same day curb to curb service for DART customers within 20 minutes of the request for service. This gives passengers the opportunity to take a same day trip they could not plan for in advance, such as for urgent medical, getting a sick child home from school, or when doctor, grocery or social outings take longer than anticipated.





In FY 2019 PSTA partnered with Advent Health North Pinellas and the City of Tarpon Springs to create a mobility on demand program called Healthy Hop to provide health related trips within Tarpon Springs for low income seniors.




PSTA continues to operate the Direct Connect Program that allows riders to use providers such as Uber, United Taxi or Wheelchair Transport to travel within a specific geographic zone to or from a series of 24 popular designated stops. From there, riders connect with the regular PSTA public transit system. PSTA was the first in the country to partner mass transit with ride hailing providing higher quality mobility in areas where it doesn’t make sense to run public transit.

The FY 2019 ridership for each mode compared to FY 2018 data is presented below:

Mode	September 30, 2019	September 30, 2018	Percent of Change
Bus Operations	11,663,314	11,566,201	.8%
DART	362,357	367,422	-1.38%
Mobility Programs	70,200	73,603	-.4%
Total	12,095,871	12,007,226	.7%

With the foundation of the Path Forward, PSTA has financial stability in the short term, with a sustainable operating and capital plan, and an emphasis on PSTA’s role in the community. As outlined below, staff is committed to continually build on our successes and on continuous improvement as we move forward:

	Focus on Customer Oriented Transit Services
	Develop a strong governance model for effective Pinellas transportation leadership
	Provide effective, financially viable public transportation that supports our community
	Sustainable Capital Program

	Customer oriented service redesign
	Incremental expansion
	Visionary service design: Increased Public Transit

PSTA is at the forefront of the transit industry with the adoption of a Performance Management Program starting for FY 2018. The Program identifies PSTA’s performance measurement metrics, the CEO quantitative evaluation system, department level measurements, and an employee quantitative evaluation system. Specifically, PSTA at the organizational level is measured on five key components including community support, financial stability, customer satisfaction, employee engagement and commitment to performance.

This commitment to transparency and visibility of PSTA’s performance metrics is generating increased engagement, inter-departmental coordination, and sense of ownership among staff.

The overall performance ratio for FY 2019 was 98 out of 100.



PERFORMANCE COUNTS

Community Support

Perception in the community and support from municipal, state, and federal partners



Financial Stability

Being a responsible steward of financial resources



Customer Satisfaction

Customer perceptions about our services

- AWESOME!
- Excellent
- Very Good
- Satisfactory



Employee Engagement

Fostering an engaging workplace that supports and inspires employees to succeed.



Commitment to Performance

Using data to improve performance



One Team. One Mission.

Budget

Each year the Board is required to adopt an annual budget before the beginning of the fiscal year. The budget serves as a financial plan in support of the Authority's mission and strategic plan. It includes the fiscal year operating budget and capital plan necessary to accomplish the operational initiatives, along with a multi-year capital plan covering five years. The process for developing the Authority's budget begins with budget review and planning in February through May; and through a series of meetings and analysis from June through September, results in a balanced operating budget and a prioritized capital budget.

The PSTA Board adopted the FY 2020 fiscal year operating and capital budget totaling \$132.5 million. The FY 2020 budget is \$30.8 million or 30.3% over the FY 2019 budget with the majority of the increase related to the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Project and replacement trolleys. This financial plan allows the Authority to focus resources where transit works best, with both route changes and service improvements based on a data-driven, customer sensitive and innovative approach.

Capital assets are funded by grants and local funds on a pay-as-you-go basis. The Authority does not anticipate issuing debt to fund capital assets.

Factors Affecting Financial Planning

The information presented in the financial statements is perhaps best understood when it is considered from the broader perspective of the specific environment within which the Authority operates.

Local Economy: The regional economy currently enjoys a slightly favorable economic environment compared with other cities in Florida and local indicators point to continued stability. The regional economy has a diverse economic base that includes tourism, agriculture, construction, finance, healthcare, technology, and the Port of Tampa. Major industries with headquarters or divisions located within the regional area's boundaries or in close proximity include telephone and electric service companies, computer hardware and electrical controls manufacturers, tourist attractions, fertilizer manufacturers, MacDill Air Force Base, an Amazon Fulfillment Center and the Port of Tampa. Institutions of higher learning located in the regional area include the University of South Florida, the University of Tampa, St. Petersburg College, Eckerd College and the Stetson University College of Law.

The area's Metropolitan Statistical Area unemployment rate of 2.9% is currently lower than the national rate of 3.5% and lower than the statewide rate of 3.2%. The region's growth and economic diversity are expected to be the basis for continued health of the local economy in coming years.

The Authority's ability to fund its operations is heavily dependent on a millage levy generated from property taxes. The millage rate for FY 2019 was 0.7500. For FY 2020, the PSTA Board approved maintaining the millage rate of 0.7500 mills.

Financial Policies: During fiscal year 2019, Liability Debt Management, Cash Reserve and Investment Policies were reviewed, and any revisions did not have any impact on the current period's financial statements.

Long-Range Financial Planning: Due to the significant investment in buses and bus facilities used for service delivery and the necessary funding required to refurbish and to replace those assets when needed, the Authority has been building up resources in the capital reserve. As of September 30, 2019, the Authority's unrestricted net position totaled \$11.6 million.

Awards

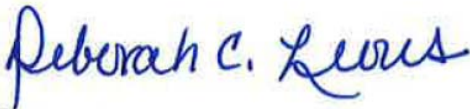
The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to PSTA for its CAFR for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018. This was the sixth consecutive year that the government has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized CAFR. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current CAFR continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

Acknowledgements

The preparation of this report would not have been without the efficient and dedicated service of the entire staff of the Finance Division. We wish to express our appreciation to all members of the Division who assisted and contributed to the preparation of this report. Credit also must be given to the governing Board of Directors for their unfailing support for maintaining the highest standards of professionalism in the management of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's finances.

Respectfully Submitted,



Deborah C. Leous
Chief Financial Officer



Brad Miller
Chief Executive Officer



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Florida

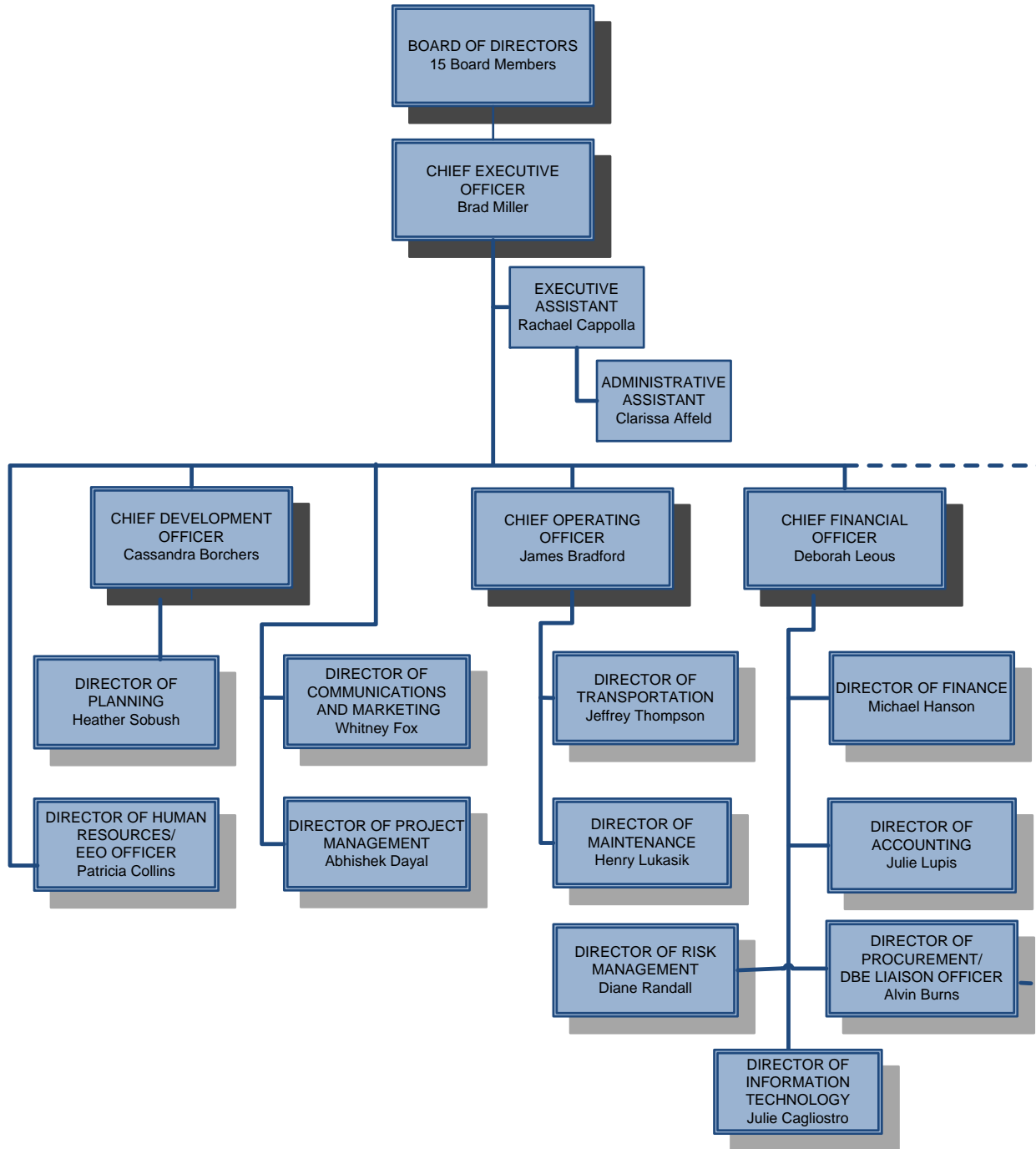
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for the Fiscal Year Ended

September 30, 2018

Christopher P. Morill

Executive Director/CEO

Organization Chart
(As of September 30, 2019)



PINELLAS SUNCOAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Elected and Appointed Officials
(As of September 30, 2019)

Board of Directors
Officers

Janet Long, Chairperson
Joseph Barkley, Vice-Chairperson
Pat Gerard, Secretary/Treasurer

City of Belleair Bluffs

Joseph Barkley

City of Clearwater

David Allbritton

City of Dunedin

Heather Gracy

City of Largo

Samantha Fenger

City of Pinellas Park

Keith Sabiel

City of St. Petersburg

Gina Driscoll
Darden Rice
Joshua Shulman

North Redington Beach

Richard Bennett

Oldsmar

Dan Saracki

Pinellas County

Vince Cocks
Dave Eggers
Pat Gerard
Charlie Justice
Janet Long

Chief Executive Officer

Brad Miller

General Counsel

Bryant Miller Olive

**PINELLAS SUNCOAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

As of September 30, 2019

Chairperson



Janet Long
Commissioner
Pinellas County

Vice-Chairperson



Joseph Barkley
Commissioner
City of Belleair Bluffs

Secretary/Treasurer



Pat Gerard
Commissioner
Pinellas County



David Allbritton
Clearwater
Councilmember



Richard Bennett
Commissioner
North Redington Beach



Vince Cocks
Citizen
Pinellas County



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City of St. Petersburg



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City of Largo



Heather Gracy
Commissioner
Dunedin



Charlie Justice
Commissioner
Pinellas County



Darden Rice
Councilmember
City of St. Petersburg



Keith Sabiel
Vice-Mayor
City of Pinellas Park

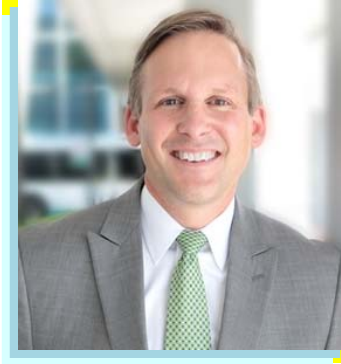


Dan Saracki
Councilmember
Oldsmar



Joshua Shulman
Citizen
City of St. Petersburg

**Directory of Officials
(As of September 30, 2019)**



Brad Miller, Chief Executive Officer

Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer

James Bradford, Chief Operating Officer

Deborah C. Leous, Chief Financial Officer

Alvin Burns, Director of Procurement/DBE Liaison Officer

Julie Cagliostro, Director of Information Technology

Patricia Collins, Director of Human Resources/Acting EEO Officer

Abhishek Dayal, Director of Project Management

Whitney Fox, Director of Communications & Marketing

Michael Hanson, Director of Finance

Henry Lukasik, Director of Maintenance

Julie Lupis, Director of Accounting

Diane Randall, Director of Risk Management

Heather Sobush, Director of Planning

Jeffrey Thompson, Director of Transportation

SECTION II
FINANCIAL SECTION



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
St. Petersburg, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, aka: PSTA (the Authority) as of and for the years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the entity'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.

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. 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 business-type activities of Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority as of September 30, 2019 and 2018, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance 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, schedule of changes in liability and related ratios-other postemployment benefits, and schedules of the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability and of its contributions-pension plans, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

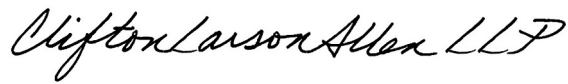
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and Chapter 10.550, Local Governmental Entity Audits, Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance 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. Such 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 introductory and statistical sections have 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 them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issue our report dated May 15, 2020, on our consideration of the Authority’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority’s internal control over financial reporting or on its 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.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Tampa, Florida
May 15, 2020

PINELLAS SUNCOAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Management's Discussion and Analysis

**For the Year Ended September 30, 2019
(Unaudited)**

INTRODUCTION

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's ("The Authority") financial performance provides an overview of the financial activities for the fiscal years (FY) ended September 30, 2019 and 2018. Information contained in this MD&A has been prepared by the Authority's management and should be considered in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes of the financial statements.

The notes are essential to a full understanding of the data contained in the financial statements. This report also presents certain required supplementary information regarding pension and other post-employment benefits.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial section of this annual report consists of three parts: MD&A, the basic financial statements, and the notes to the financial statements. The basic financial statements include the Statements of Net Position, the Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, and the Statements of Cash Flows.

Analysis of the Statements of Net Position and the Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position illustrate whether the Authority's financial position has improved as a result of the year's activities. The Statements of Net Position presents information on all of the Authority's assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, the increases and decreases in net position may serve as an indicator of whether the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating. The Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position reflect how the operating and non-operating activities of the Authority affected changes in the net position of the Authority. These activities are recorded under the accrual basis of accounting reflecting the timing of the underlying event regardless of the timing of related cash flows. The Statements of Cash Flows presents information on the Authority's cash and cash equivalent activities for the fiscal year resulting from operating activities, noncapital financing activities, capital and related financing activities and investing activities. The net result of these activities added to the beginning of the year cash balance reconciles to the cash and cash equivalent balance at the end of the current fiscal year.

The financial statements also include notes that further explain certain information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data.

Although the financial statements provide useful information in assessing the financial health of the Authority, consideration of other factors not shown on the financial reports should be evaluated to assess the Authority's true financial condition. Factors such as changes in the Authority's tax base and the condition of the Authority's asset base are also important when assessing the overall financial condition of the Authority.

PINELLAS SUNCOAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Management's Discussion and Analysis

**For the Year Ended September 30, 2019
(Unaudited)**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Government entities typically account for activities by utilizing "fund" accounting. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control or restrict the use of resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Authority uses only one fund, an enterprise fund, which reports all business type activities of the Authority.

FISCAL YEAR 2019 FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE AUTHORITY

- For FY 2019 the net position of the Authority is \$99.5 million. Of this amount, \$12.8 million may be used to cover current liabilities and anticipated operating needs in the five-year plan. The PSTA Board of Directors committed \$13.5 million for two months of operating reserves, \$3.9 million for self-insurance reserves and \$24.1 million for capital asset replacement, other projects and for future operations.
- Total assets increased by \$11.9 million or 9.1% in FY 2019. Current assets decreased by \$156 thousand or .3%, and capital assets increased by \$12.0 million or 15.8%.
- The change in liabilities at the close of the fiscal year reflects an increase of \$7.5 million or 17.1% due primarily due to an increase in the net pension liability.
- Based on the most recent actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2019, prepared by the Authority's independent actuary, PSTA risk management liabilities for general liability and workers' compensation decreased by approximately \$174 thousand or 4.4% to \$3.8 million.
- The Authority's total net position increased by \$5.6 million or 5.9% from FY 2018. The increase is attributable to an increase in total assets offset by an increase in total liabilities.

FISCAL YEAR 2018 FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE AUTHORITY

- For FY 2018 the net position of the Authority is \$93.9 million. Of this amount, \$18.3 million may be used to cover current liabilities and anticipated operating needs in the five-year plan. The PSTA Board of Directors committed \$13.5 million for two months of operating reserves, and \$4.8 million for capital asset replacement, other projects and for future operations.
- Total assets decreased by \$6.1 million or 4.5% in FY 2018. Current assets decreased by \$2.7 million or 4.8%, and capital assets decreased by \$3.4 million or 4.2%.
- The change in liabilities at the close of the fiscal year reflects a decrease of \$3.1 million or 6.6% due primarily due to a decrease in current payables for buses that were received at the end of the FY 17 but not yet paid for.

PINELLAS SUNCOAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Management's Discussion and Analysis

**For the Year Ended September 30, 2019
(Unaudited)**

- Based on the most recent actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2018, prepared by the Authority's independent actuary, PSTA risk management liabilities for general liability and workers' compensation decreased by approximately \$86.7 thousand or 2.2% to \$3.9 million.
- The Authority's total net position decreased by \$4.7 million or 4.8% from FY 2017. The decrease is attributable to a decrease in total assets offset by a decrease in total liabilities.

THE AUTHORITY'S CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Dollar Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>	<u>2017 Restated</u>
Assets:					
Current and other assets	\$ 53,600,762	\$ 53,756,598	\$ (155,836)	(0.3%)	\$ 56,479,940
Capital assets	<u>88,344,893</u>	<u>76,316,083</u>	<u>12,028,810</u>	<u>15.8%</u>	<u>79,674,544</u>
Total assets	<u>141,945,655</u>	<u>130,072,681</u>	<u>11,872,974</u>	<u>9.1%</u>	<u>136,154,484</u>
Deferred outflow of resources	<u>11,929,362</u>	<u>11,351,659</u>	<u>577,703</u>	<u>5.1%</u>	<u>11,965,345</u> (1)
Liabilities:					
Current liabilities	8,820,560	6,488,248	2,332,312	35.9%	9,887,722
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>42,224,689</u>	<u>37,089,016</u>	<u>5,135,673</u>	<u>13.8%</u>	<u>36,788,701</u> (1)
Total liabilities	<u>51,045,249</u>	<u>43,577,264</u>	<u>7,467,985</u>	<u>17.1%</u>	<u>46,676,423</u>
Deferred inflow of resources	<u>3,335,524</u>	<u>3,924,052</u>	<u>(588,528)</u>	<u>(15.0%)</u>	<u>2,831,250</u> (1)
Net position:					
Net investment in capital assets	86,661,740	75,483,987	11,177,753	14.8%	75,861,244
Restricted	30,925	55,289	(24,364)	(44.1%)	381,789
Unrestricted	<u>12,801,579</u>	<u>18,383,748</u>	<u>(5,582,169)</u>	<u>(30.4%)</u>	<u>22,369,123</u>
Total net position	\$ <u>99,494,244</u>	\$ <u>93,923,024</u>	\$ <u>5,571,220</u>	<u>5.9%</u>	\$ <u>98,612,156</u>

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THE AUTHORITY'S OPERATING FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

As noted earlier, PSTA uses only one fund, an enterprise fund, to comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) mandated reporting requirements. The Authority's operations consist of providing virtually all public transportation services in Pinellas County, Florida. These services include fixed route, demand response, and specialized services.

The Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position show how the Authority's net position changed during the current and previous fiscal year as a result of operations. These changes are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Thus, some revenues and expenses reported in this statement will only affect future cash flows.

The Following Summary Represents the FY 2019 Operating Results Compared to FY 2018:

Revenues

- Total operating and non-operating revenues for FY 2019 totaled \$81,402,000 or \$5,609,000 or 7.4% over FY 2018.
- Passenger fares, including demand response fares, decreased \$311,000 or 2.8%.
- Advertising income increased \$45,000 or 7.3%.
- Federal maintenance assistance decreased \$51,000 or 1.0%.
- State operating assistance increased \$19,000 or .4%.
- Other Federal grants increased by \$1,114,000 or 74% primarily due development of the Transit Asset Management Plan and additional planning projects including the Community Bus Plan.
- Special project assistance - state grants increased \$762,000 or 15.2%.
- Special project assistance – local grants increased \$432,000 or 33.7% due to an increase in funding for trolley services.
- Property tax revenues increased \$3,725,000 or 8.21% due to an increase in property values.
- Investment income increased \$305,000 or 37.6% due to an increase in interest rates.
- Fuel tax refunds increased \$8,000 or 1.3%.

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- The net change in other revenues (expenses) of \$438,000 or 192.3% was primarily due to a decrease on losses of disposal of capital assets.

Expenses

- Total operating expenses increased \$8,183,000 or 10.7% over FY 2018. The majority of the increase is due to actuarially determined increase in pension and post-employment benefits.
- Operations expenses increased \$4,302,000 or 11.2% primarily due to actuarial increases in pension and the post- employment benefits.
- Purchased transportation increased \$495,000 or 4.3% due to an increase in DART program costs as well increased services provided by the Jolley Trolley.
- Maintenance expenses increased \$693,000 or 6.0%.
- Administration and finance expenses increased \$2,783,000 or 20% due to an increase in wages, and fringe benefits and an increase in computer software services.
- Marketing expenses decreased \$91,000 or 9.6% due to a decrease in wages and fringe benefits due to vacancies.

Capital Grants and Other Related Revenues

Capital grants and other related revenues increased \$13,498,000 in FY 2019 due to an increase in bus procurements in FY 2019 compared to FY 2018.

The Following Summary Represents the FY 2018 Operating Results Compared to FY 2017:

Revenues

- Total operating and non-operating revenues for FY 2018 totaled \$75,794,000 or \$6,406,000 or 9.2% over FY 2017.
- Passenger fares, including demand response fares, increased \$136,000 or 1.3% due to increased demand response trips.
- Advertising income increased \$32,000 or 5.6%.
- Federal maintenance assistance increased \$18,000 or 0.4%.
- State operating assistance increased \$148,000 or 3.6% due to an increase in block grant funding.

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- Other Federal grants increased by \$538,000 or 55.6% primarily due development of the Transit Asset Management Plan and additional planning projects including the Community Bus Plan. Special project assistance - state grants increased \$932,000 or 22.8% due to an increase in Transit Disadvantaged funding and Service Enhancement funding.
- Special project assistance – local grants increased \$108,000 or 9.2% due to an increase in funding for trolley services.
- Property tax revenues increased \$3,782,000 or 9.1% due to an increase in property values.
- Investment income increased \$375,000 or 86.1% due to an increase in interest rates.
- Fuel tax refunds increased \$6,000 or 0.9%.
- The net change in other revenues (expenses) of \$333,000 or 317.2% was primarily due to a decrease on losses of disposal of capital assets.

Expenses

- Total operating expenses increased \$5,370,000 or 7.5% over FY 2017. The majority of the increase is due to actuarially determined increase in pension and post-employment benefits.
- Operations expenses increased \$2,304,000 or 6.4% primarily due to actuarial increases in pension and the post- employment benefits.
- Purchased transportation increased \$1,990,000 or 20.7% due to an increase in DART program costs as well increased services provided by the Jolley Trolley.
- Maintenance expenses decreased \$26,000 or 0.2%.
- Administration and finance expenses increased \$978,000 or 7.6% due to an increase in wages, and fringe benefits and an increase in computer software services.
- Marketing expenses increased \$123,000 or 15.1% due to an increase in wages, fringe benefits and an increase in advertising.

Capital Grants and Other Related Revenues

Capital grants and other related revenues decreased \$10,099,000 in FY 2018 due to a decrease in bus procurements in FY 2018 compared to FY 2017. Capital grants and other related revenues increased 11,945,000 in FY 2017 due to delivery of the 2016 order of buses in FY 2017 as well as the 2017 buses. In addition, the HVAC Chillers replacement and the significant progress made on the Regional Revenue Collection Project accounted for the majority of the balance of the increase.

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THE AUTHORITY'S STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Dollar Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>	<u>2017 Restated</u>
Operating revenues:					
Passenger fares	\$ 9,129,892	\$ 9,473,561	\$ (343,669)	(3.6%)	\$ 9,535,246
Demand response	1,533,743	1,501,156	32,587	2.2%	1,303,510
Advertising revenue	660,371	615,234	45,137	7.3%	582,761
Total operating revenues	11,324,006	11,589,951	(265,945)	(2.3%)	11,421,517
Nonoperating revenues:					
Federal maintenance assistance	4,975,583	5,026,849	(51,266)	(1.0%)	5,009,268
State operating assistance	4,322,748	4,303,778	18,970	0.4%	4,155,670
Other federal grants	2,618,763	1,504,617	1,114,146	74.0%	967,084
Special project assistance - state grants	5,784,028	5,022,559	761,469	15.2%	4,090,853
Special project assistance - local grants	1,715,148	1,282,808	432,340	33.7%	1,174,823
Property tax revenues	49,113,559	45,389,030	3,724,529	8.2%	41,607,265
Investment income	1,114,257	809,788	304,469	37.6%	435,080
Fuel tax refunds	644,668	636,416	8,252	1.3%	630,827
Other, net	(210,359)	228,008	(438,367)	(192.3%)	(104,959)
Total nonoperating revenues	70,078,395	64,203,853	5,874,542	9.1%	57,965,911
Total operating and nonoperating revenues	81,402,401	75,793,804	5,608,597	7.4%	69,387,428
Operating expenses:					
Operations	42,873,233	38,570,917	4,302,316	11.2%	36,266,463 (1)
Purchased transportation	12,123,292	11,627,971	495,321	4.3%	9,637,695
Maintenance	12,203,763	11,510,788	692,975	6.0%	11,536,994 (1)
Administration and finance	16,682,258	13,898,829	2,783,429	20.0%	12,921,156 (1)
Marketing	852,508	943,235	(90,727)	(9.6%)	819,842 (1)
Total operating expenses	84,735,054	76,551,740	8,183,314	10.7%	71,182,150
Depreciation	8,984,115	8,372,047	612,068	7.3%	9,976,763
Total operating expenses and depreciation	93,719,169	84,923,787	8,795,382	10.4%	81,158,913
(Loss) before capital grants	(12,316,768)	(9,129,983)	(3,186,785)	34.9%	(11,771,485)
Capital grants and other related revenues	17,263,244	3,764,851	13,498,393	358.5%	13,863,703
Contributed capital - local government	532,825	637,254	(104,429)	(16.4%)	9,000 (1)
Contributed capital - private sources	91,919	38,746	53,173	137.2%	23,320 (1)
Increase (decrease) in net position	5,571,220	(4,689,132)	10,260,352	(218.8%)	2,124,538
Net position, beginning of year	93,923,024	98,612,156	(4,689,132)	(4.8%)	96,487,618
Net position, end of year	\$ <u>99,494,244</u>	\$ <u>93,923,024</u>	\$ <u>5,571,220</u>	<u>5.9%</u>	\$ <u>98,612,156</u>

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CAPITAL ASSETS

The Authority has invested \$88.3 million in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation). Approximately 46% of the investment represents revenue-generating equipment and 34% represents the building and improvements at the close of fiscal year September 30, 2019.

Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation

Significant projects in fiscal year 2019 include the completion of the 60% design milestone of the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit project, receipt of 18 replacement hybrid electric buses and 8 Connector Vehicles.

Additional information regarding capital assets can be found in Note 4 to the financial statements.

			<u>Percent of Total</u>		
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Land	\$ 6,961,677	\$ 6,961,677	8%	9%	\$ 6,961,677
Buildings and improvements	30,254,217	31,029,316	34%	41%	31,074,987
Revenue equipment	40,404,057	29,138,921	46%	38%	32,399,664
Furniture and other	1,376,140	1,345,173	2%	2%	1,312,734
Capital assets in progress	<u>9,348,802</u>	<u>7,840,996</u>	<u>10%</u>	<u>10%</u>	<u>7,925,482</u>
Total	<u>\$ 88,344,893</u>	<u>\$ 76,316,083</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 79,674,544</u>

Long-Term Debt Administration

The Authority has no long-term debt.

Economic Factors and Next Year’s Budget and Rates

The budget looks to increase non-traditional sources of revenue such as partnerships with municipalities for capital projects and increased operating assistance for purchased transportation. Increased property values increase estimated property tax revenues by 7.9%. The budget also includes PSTA’s key innovative initiative through the FTA Sandbox Grant process to demonstrate the use of on-demand transportation for paratransit services. PSTA was again awarded a grant for complimentary night-time service for 2nd and 3rd shift low-income workers through a new transportation disadvantaged program.

In addition, PSTA along with transit agencies from Hillsborough, Pasco, Hernando, and Sarasota counties are implementing a regional revenue collection system through electronic fare payments. The goal of the

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project is to enhance mobility of passengers between its respective jurisdictions. The project will be completed in Fiscal Year 2020.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates (continued)

Subsequent to year-end, the World Health Organization declared the spread of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) a worldwide pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic is having significant effects on global markets, supply chains, businesses, and communities. Management believes the Authority is taking appropriate actions to mitigate the negative impact. However, the full impact of COVID-19 is unknown and cannot be reasonably estimated as these events occurred subsequent to year-end and are still developing.

FY 2020 BUDGET

The PSTA Board approved the FY 2020 budget on September 25, 2019. The FY 2020 Operating and Capital budget totaled \$132,505,843 compared to the FY 2019 budget of \$132,969,160 or \$463,317 (0.3% less than the FY 2019 budget). In FY 2020, total operating budget expenses of \$85,321,056 and operating and non-operating revenues of \$83,576,786 will result in an operating deficit of \$1,744,270 that will be funded by a transfer from reserves.

The Authority also developed a multi-year operating plan covering FY 2020 through FY 2024.

In addition, the Authority developed a five-year Capital Improvement Program Budget covering FY 2020 through FY 2024 with available funding for capital acquisition of vehicles and equipment and the use of PSTA Capital Reserves for the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Project and bus replacements.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's 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 the office of the Chief Financial Officer, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, and 3201 Scherer Drive, St. Petersburg, Florida 33716.

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Statements of Net Position

September 30, 2019 and 2018

Assets	2019	2018
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 46,417,170	\$ 46,845,367
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$0 and \$78,279	1,539,634	1,674,973
Grants receivable	3,030,911	2,562,745
Inventories	2,182,100	2,144,431
Prepaid expenses	430,947	529,082
Total current assets	<u>53,600,762</u>	<u>53,756,598</u>
Capital assets:		
Land	6,961,677	6,961,677
Buildings and improvements	54,675,550	53,694,194
Revenue equipment	107,535,530	95,494,471
Furniture and other	8,604,667	8,969,106
Capital assets in progress	9,348,802	7,840,996
	<u>187,126,226</u>	<u>172,960,444</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	98,781,333	96,644,361
Total capital assets	<u>88,344,893</u>	<u>76,316,083</u>
Total assets	<u>141,945,655</u>	<u>130,072,681</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred outflow of resources - other post-employment benefit related amounts	550,640	85,009
Deferred outflow of resources - pension related amounts	11,378,722	11,266,650
	<u>11,929,362</u>	<u>11,351,659</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	3,873,930	2,846,375
Accrued expenses	1,959,518	1,639,444
Total other post-employment benefit liability	385,118	124,146
Compensated absences	46,294	43,363
Claims and judgments	1,215,409	1,287,110
Unearned revenue	1,124,642	300,966
Net pension liability due within one year	215,649	246,844
Total current liabilities	<u>8,820,560</u>	<u>6,488,248</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Total other post-employment benefit liability	2,067,165	1,943,019
Compensated absences	2,579,953	2,416,602
Claims and judgments	2,543,039	2,645,506
Net pension liability	35,034,532	30,083,889
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>42,224,689</u>	<u>37,089,016</u>
Total liabilities	<u>51,045,249</u>	<u>43,577,264</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Deferred inflow of resources - other post-employment benefit related amounts	682,712	644,249
Deferred inflow of resources - pension related amounts	2,652,812	3,279,803
	<u>3,335,524</u>	<u>3,924,052</u>
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	86,661,740	75,483,987
Restricted grantor resources and contractually restricted cash	30,925	55,289
Unrestricted	12,801,579	18,383,748
Total net position	<u>\$ 99,494,244</u>	<u>\$ 93,923,024</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

For the Years Ended September 30, 2019 and 2018

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Operating revenues:		
Passenger fares	\$ 9,129,892	\$ 9,473,561
Demand response	1,533,743	1,501,156
Advertising revenue	<u>660,371</u>	<u>615,234</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>11,324,006</u>	<u>11,589,951</u>
Operating expenses:		
Operations	42,873,233	38,570,917
Purchased transportation	12,123,292	11,627,971
Maintenance	12,203,763	11,510,788
Administration and finance	16,682,258	13,898,829
Marketing	<u>852,508</u>	<u>943,235</u>
Total operating expenses, before depreciation	<u>84,735,054</u>	<u>76,551,740</u>
Operating loss before depreciation	(73,411,048)	(64,961,789)
Depreciation	<u>8,984,115</u>	<u>8,372,047</u>
Operating loss	<u>(82,395,163)</u>	<u>(73,333,836)</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Federal maintenance assistance grants	4,975,583	5,026,849
State operating assistance grants	4,322,748	4,303,778
Other federal grants	2,618,763	1,504,617
Special project assistance – state grants	5,784,028	5,022,559
Special project assistance – local grants	1,715,148	1,282,808
Property tax revenues	49,113,559	45,389,030
Investment income	1,114,257	809,788
Fuel tax refunds	644,668	636,416
Other, net	<u>(210,359)</u>	<u>228,008</u>
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>70,078,395</u>	<u>64,203,853</u>
(Loss) before capital grants	(12,316,768)	(9,129,983)
Capital grants and other related revenues	<u>17,263,244</u>	<u>3,764,851</u>
Contributed capital - local government	532,825	637,254
Contributed capital - private sources	<u>91,919</u>	<u>38,746</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position	5,571,220	(4,689,132)
Net position, beginning of year	<u>93,923,024</u>	<u>98,612,156</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 99,494,244</u>	<u>\$ 93,923,024</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Cash Flows

For the Years Ended September 30, 2019 and 2018

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers	\$ 11,688,582	\$ 11,061,245
Payments to suppliers	(31,645,756)	(31,125,819)
Payments to and on behalf of employees	<u>(47,315,401)</u>	<u>(44,288,745)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(67,272,575)</u>	<u>(64,353,319)</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:		
Property tax revenues	48,790,977	45,389,030
Operating and special project assistance grants	18,948,104	17,549,209
Fuel tax refunds	644,668	636,416
Non-transportation revenue	<u>797,843</u>	<u>218,985</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>69,181,592</u>	<u>63,793,640</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Purchases of capital assets	(21,028,235)	(7,963,070)
Capital grants	17,263,244	6,826,958
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	<u>326,422</u>	<u>328,908</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) capital financing activities	<u>(3,438,569)</u>	<u>(807,204)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investment income	<u>1,101,355</u>	<u>809,788</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>1,101,355</u>	<u>809,788</u>
Net (Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(428,197)	(557,095)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>46,845,367</u>	<u>47,402,462</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ <u>46,417,170</u>	\$ <u>46,845,367</u>
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Operating loss	\$ (82,395,163)	\$ (73,333,836)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation	8,984,115	8,372,047
(Increase) decrease in assets and deferred outflows:		
Accounts receivable	286,297	(528,706)
Inventory	(37,669)	(329,515)
Prepaid expenses	98,134	(72,356)
OPEB and pension related deferred outflows	(577,703)	613,686
Increase (decrease) in liabilities and deferred inflows:		
Accounts payable	1,341,188	(1,008)
Accrued expenses	320,074	(201,057)
Compensated absences	166,282	90,226
Claims and judgements payable	(174,168)	(86,684)
OPEB and pension related liabilities and deferred inflows	<u>4,716,038</u>	<u>1,123,884</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ <u>(67,272,575)</u>	\$ <u>(64,353,319)</u>
Schedule of noncash transactions:		
Purchase of capital assets included in accounts payable	1,683,153	832,096
Contributed capital assets	<u>624,744</u>	<u>302,119</u>
Total Noncash Investing, Capital and Financing Activities	\$ <u>2,307,897</u>	\$ <u>1,134,215</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies and practices of the Authority have been designed to conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to a government enterprise fund. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

(a) Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The accompanying financial statements are reported using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned, and expenses are recognized in the period incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied, and grants are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements have been met, including that the eligible expenses have been incurred.

(b) Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash equivalents are defined as short-term highly liquid debt investments that are both readily convertible to known amounts of cash and have original maturities of three months or less at the date of purchase. Cash temporarily idle during the year was invested at BankUnited, Citibank, Regions and Synovus. At September 30, 2019, the Authority's deposits were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral pledged with the State Treasurer pursuant to Chapter 280, *Florida Statutes*. Under this Chapter, in the event of default by a participating financial institution (a qualified public depository), all participating institutions are obligated to reimburse the governmental entity for the loss. This mix of asset allocation provides a strong diversity for a balanced portfolio and has allowed for increased interest income through a competitive bidding process. The Authority has no investments measured at fair value.

(c) Accounts Receivable

All trade and other receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts. The receivables are analyzed by management at the end of the year to estimate the amount of the allowance, as applicable.

(d) Grants Receivable

Grants receivable represent expenditures for grant eligible items for which reimbursement has not yet been received.

(e) Inventories and Prepaid Expenses

Inventories, principally fuel and maintenance parts, are stated at cost (using the moving weighted average cost method).

Certain payments to vendors or other parties reflect cost for contracts or services applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid expenses.

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(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

(f) Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost. Capital assets, which include property and equipment, are defined as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more with an estimated useful life greater than one year. Major renewals and betterments are treated as capital additions. Expenses for maintenance, repairs, and minor renewals are expensed as incurred. Contributed assets are stated at acquisition value at the date of receipt.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset as follows:

<u>Property Classification</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life Range</u>
Buildings	5 - 40 years
Improvements	5 - 20 years
Revenue equipment	3 - 12 years
Furniture and other	3 - 10 years

(g) Compensated Absences

The Authority's policy permits substantially all employees to accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation, certain sick-pay benefits and certain other qualifying absences, which will be paid to the employee upon separation from service. Vacation, eligible sick pay, and other qualifying absences, which have been earned but not paid, have been accrued in the accompanying financial statements.

(h) Pensions

In the statements of net position, liabilities are recognized for the Authority's proportionate share of each pension plan's net pension liability. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Florida Retirement System (FRS) defined benefit plan and the Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) and additions to/deductions from FRS's and HIS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the FRS and HIS plans. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments and refunds of employee contributions are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

(i) **Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statements of net position report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The deferred outflows of resources reported in the Authority's statement of net position are related to other post-employment benefit related amounts and the Authority's participation in the Florida Retirement System Pension Plan and the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program. These amounts will be recognized as increases in post-employment benefit expense and pension expense in future years.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of net position 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 deferred inflows of resources reported in the Authority's statement of net position are related to other post-employment benefit related amounts and the Authority's participation in the Florida Retirement System Pension Plan and the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program. These amounts will be recognized as reductions in post-employment benefit expense and pension expense in future years.

(j) **Reclassifications**

Certain amounts presented in prior years have been reclassified in order to be consistent with the current year's presentation.

(k) **Net Position**

Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and related liabilities against those capital assets.

Restricted net position - Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position - All other components of net position that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

(l) **Grants**

The federal government, State of Florida, Forward Pinellas (the Pinellas Metropolitan Planning Organization), have made available grants to the Authority related to the development of public transit facilities, which are restricted to acquiring qualifying capital assets and funding certain operating expenses.

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(1) **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued**

(l) **Grants - Continued**

Capital grants are reported in a separate line item in the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position. Proceeds equal or greater than \$5,000 from the sale of capital assets originally purchased with funds from federal grants must be reinvested in capital asset purchases approved by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

(m) **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the financial statements, in accordance with GAAP, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Significant items subject to estimates and assumptions include depreciation, the reserve for workers' compensation, general liability claims, pension related amounts, and post-employment benefits other than pensions. Actual amounts could differ from those estimates.

(n) **Operating Revenues and Expenses**

Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with the Authority's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues are fare box revenues, which are fees for public transportation. Operating expenses include the cost of providing the services and depreciation expense on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenue and expense.

(o) **Fare Revenues**

Cash fares are recorded as revenue at the time services are performed. Pass fares are recorded as revenue at the time passes are sold.

(p) **Property Tax Revenue**

The Authority is a special taxing district that is authorized to levy an ad valorem tax on the taxable real property in the transit area not to exceed 0.7500 mills. The approved ad valorem tax rates for fiscal years 2019 and 2018 were 0.7500.

Property tax collections are governed by Chapter 197, *Florida Statutes*. The Pinellas County Tax Collector bills and collects all property taxes levied within the county. Discounts are allowed for early payment of 4.0% in November, 3.0% in December, 2.0% in January, and 1.0% in February. If property taxes are not paid by April 1, the county adds a 3.0% penalty on real estate taxes and 1.5% penalty on personal property taxes.

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(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

(p) Property Tax Revenue - Continued

The Pinellas County Tax Collector advertises and sells tax certificates on all real property for delinquent taxes. The Pinellas County Tax Collector must receive payment before the certificates are issued. Any person owning land on which a tax certificate has been sold may redeem the tax certificate by paying the Pinellas County Tax Collector the face amount of the tax certificate plus interest and other costs. The owner of the tax certificate may, at any time after taxes have been delinquent (April 1) for two years, file an application for tax deed sale. The county, as a certificate owner, may exercise similar procedures two years after taxes have been delinquent. Tax deeds are issued to the highest bidder for the property that is sold at public auction.

The Pinellas County Tax Collector remits current taxes collected through at least four distributions to the Authority in the first two months of the tax year and at least one distribution each month thereafter.

- **Property Tax Calendar**

January 1, 2018 - Property taxes are based on assessed property value at this date as determined by the Pinellas County Property Appraiser.

July 1, 2018 - Property assessment roll and certificates of value provided to the Authority by the Pinellas County Property Appraiser.

July 25, 2018 - Proposed millage rate is approved by the Board of Directors and provided to the Pinellas County Property Appraiser who mails notices to the taxpayers.

September 26, 2018 - Property tax millage rate resolution approved by the Board of Directors.

October 1, 2018 - Beginning of the year for which property taxes have been levied.

November 1, 2018 - Property taxes are due and payable.

April 1, 2019 - Unpaid property taxes become delinquent.

June 1, 2019 - Tax certificates are sold by the Pinellas County Tax Collector.

(2) Description of Business

The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority was formed by an act of the Florida Legislature in 1984 and became effective by majority vote of the electorate in a referendum election of the transit area in Pinellas County, Florida. The Authority is an independent taxing authority whose purpose is to provide effective, modern mass transit service to Pinellas County, Florida. The Authority is governed by a 15-member board of directors made up of elected officials and citizens. The board members are appointed by the county and member cities in accordance with a formula provided by the enabling legislation and serve a three-year term.

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(3) **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

At September 30, 2019 and 2018, the carrying value of the Authority’s cash, cash equivalents, and investments was as follows:

Type	2019	2018
Cash on hand	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Petty cash	1,700	1,700
Demand deposits	<u>46,390,470</u>	<u>46,818,667</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 46,417,170</u>	<u>\$ 46,845,367</u>

The investment returns through fiscal year end September 30, 2019, totaled an average of 215 basis points compared to an average of 152 basis points for FY 2018.

(a) **Custodial Credit Risk**

At September 30, 2019 and 2018, all of the Authority’s deposits were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral pledged with the State Treasurer pursuant to Chapter 280, *Florida Statutes*. Under this Chapter, in the event of default by a participating financial institution (a qualified public depository), all participating institutions are obligated to reimburse the governmental entity for the loss.

(b) **Credit Risk**

The Authority’s Investment Guidelines were reviewed and approved by the Board in August 2017 and reviewed and approved by the Finance and Performance Management Committee in September 2019 with no changes. Pursuant to Florida Statute 218.415 and the Authority’s Investment Guidelines, investments of surplus funds may be made in the following:

- State of Florida Board of Administration Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (Florida PRIME)
- State of Florida Board of Administration Comingled Asset management (CAMPMM)
- Direct Obligations of the US Treasury
- Non-negotiable Interest-Bearing Savings Accounts, Demand Deposit Accounts or Time Certificates of Deposit
- Repurchase Agreements
- Commercial Paper
- Asset Backed Corporate Notes
- Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) registered Money Market Funds
- Investment Pools/Mutual Funds

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(3) Cash and Cash Equivalents - Continued

(b) Credit Risk (Continued)

As of September 30, 2019 and 2018, the Authority's cash equivalents consisted of interest bearing money market accounts and non-negotiable certificates of deposit held by a financial institution.

The investments are not classified as to credit risk because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in book or entry form. The components of investment return include \$1,114,257 and \$809,788 of interest income on cash and cash equivalents for the years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

(c) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of the Authority's investments will decrease as a result of an increase in interest rates. As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates, the investment policy states that the Authority is to consider safety of principal, liquidity, and finally yield. Also, as a means of limiting its exposure, the Authority's investment policy prohibits investments in U.S. Treasuries with maturities greater than five years. As of September 30, 2019, the Authority's fixed income holdings consisted of five 12-month term non-negotiable certificates of deposits for \$5,000,000 each, with a maximum maturity date of August 22, 2020, and interest rates ranging from 2.00% to 2.84%. As of September 30, 2018, the Authority's fixed income holdings consisted of five 12-month term non-negotiable certificates of deposits for \$5,000,000 each, with a maximum maturity date of August 22, 2019, and interest rates ranging from 1.55% to 2.40%.

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(3) Cash and Cash Equivalents - Continued

(d) Concentration of Credit Risk

During FY 2019 and 2018, the Authority Investment Guidelines has recommended limits on the amount the Authority may place with each type of investment and with issuers as follows:

Diversification Guidelines

	Investment	Portfolio Maximum	Issuer Limitation	Maximum Maturity
A.	State of Florida Board of Administration Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (Florida Prime)	30%	N/A	N/A
B.	State of Florida Board of Administration Commingled Asset Management Program Money Market Funds (CAMP MM)	20%	N/A	N/A
C.	Direct Obligations of the U.S. Treasury and instruments backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Federal Government	75%	N/A	5 years
D.	Interest Bearing Savings Accounts, Demand Deposit Accounts, Negotiable Order of Withdrawal Accounts, or Certificates of Deposit	100%	N/A	2 yrs. for CDs
E.	Repurchase Agreements	20% (1)	10%	60 days
F.	Commercial Paper	10%	5%	5 years
G.	Asset-Backed Corporate Notes	10%	3%	5 years (2)
H.	SEC-Registered Money Market Mutual Funds	10%	10%	90 days (3)
I.	Investment Pools/Mutual Funds	10%	10%	N/A

(1) With the exception of one (1) business day agreements and overnight sweep agreements.

(2) Total Asset-Backed Corporate Notes shall have a weighted average duration up to 2 years.

(3) The maximum length to maturity (average weighted) shall be 90 days.

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(4) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, were as follows:

	<u>October 1, 2018</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Transfers and Disposals</u>	<u>September 30, 2019</u>
Nondepreciable assets:				
Land	\$ 6,961,677	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,961,677
Capital assets in progress	<u>7,840,996</u>	<u>19,748,871</u>	<u>18,241,065</u>	<u>9,348,802</u>
Total nondepreciable assets	<u>14,802,673</u>	<u>19,748,871</u>	<u>18,241,065</u>	<u>16,310,479</u>
Depreciable assets:				
Buildings and improvements	53,694,194	1,145,713	164,357	54,675,550
Revenue equipment	95,494,471	18,353,359	6,312,300	107,535,530
Furniture and other	<u>8,969,106</u>	<u>748,625</u>	<u>1,113,064</u>	<u>8,604,667</u>
Total depreciable assets	<u>158,157,771</u>	<u>20,247,697</u>	<u>7,589,721</u>	<u>170,815,747</u>
Total at historical cost	<u>172,960,444</u>	<u>39,996,568</u>	<u>25,830,786</u>	<u>187,126,226</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	22,664,878	1,920,812	164,357	24,421,333
Revenue equipment	66,355,550	6,363,909	5,587,986	67,131,473
Furniture and other	<u>7,623,933</u>	<u>713,876</u>	<u>1,109,282</u>	<u>7,228,527</u>
	<u>96,644,361</u>	<u>8,998,597</u>	<u>6,861,625</u>	<u>98,781,333</u>
Capital assets, net	\$ <u>76,316,083</u>	\$ <u>30,997,971</u>	\$ <u>18,969,161</u>	\$ <u>88,344,893</u>
	<u>October 1, 2017</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Transfers and Disposals</u>	<u>September 30, 2018</u>
Nondepreciable assets:				
Land	\$ 6,961,677	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,961,677
Capital assets in progress	<u>7,925,482</u>	<u>4,481,477</u>	<u>4,565,963</u>	<u>7,840,996</u>
Total nondepreciable assets	<u>14,887,159</u>	<u>4,481,477</u>	<u>4,565,963</u>	<u>14,802,673</u>
Depreciable assets:				
Buildings and improvements	52,846,632	1,806,541	958,979	53,694,194
Revenue equipment	94,749,183	2,894,979	2,149,691	95,494,471
Furniture and other	<u>9,579,162</u>	<u>666,951</u>	<u>1,277,007</u>	<u>8,969,106</u>
Total depreciable assets	<u>157,174,977</u>	<u>5,368,471</u>	<u>4,385,677</u>	<u>158,157,771</u>
Total at historical cost	<u>172,062,136</u>	<u>9,849,948</u>	<u>8,951,640</u>	<u>172,960,444</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	21,771,645	1,818,185	924,952	22,664,878
Revenue equipment	62,349,519	5,927,405	1,921,374	66,355,550
Furniture and other	<u>8,266,428</u>	<u>626,459</u>	<u>1,268,954</u>	<u>7,623,933</u>
	<u>92,387,592</u>	<u>8,372,049</u>	<u>4,115,280</u>	<u>96,644,361</u>
Capital assets, net	\$ <u>79,674,544</u>	\$ <u>1,477,899</u>	\$ <u>4,836,360</u>	\$ <u>76,316,083</u>

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(4) Capital Assets – Continued

On July 24, 2019, a revenue bus was in an accident when the bus driver lost control of the vehicle due to a medical condition, resulting in significant damage and was deemed totaled. PSTA is incurring the loss of \$268,388 since they are self-insured. The \$268,388 net loss for the year ended September 30, 2019, is reported within Other Revenue and Expense, Net, in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position.

On February 6, 2018, a revenue bus was struck by a private vehicle resulting in significant damage, and it was out of service eleven months for repairs. This event resulted in an impairment loss of \$228,317. A recovery from the insurance carrier totaled \$312,405, resulting in a net gain on impairment of \$84,087 for the year ended September 30, 2018, which is reported within Other Revenue and Expense, Net, in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position.

(5) Net Position

Unrestricted net position at September 30, 2019 and 2018, consists of the following:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Operating reserves	\$ 12,801,579	\$ 13,538,985
Capital asset replacement and other projects	<u> -</u>	<u>4,844,763</u>
Unrestricted net position	<u><u>\$ 12,801,579</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 18,383,748</u></u>

Restricted net position represents the Federal Transit Administration’s interest in a disposed grant asset that the Authority received permission for a like-kind exchange in the future, and a contractual requirement under the Authority’s health plan to maintain a minimum balance within an imprest account to pay future claims. The balances at September 30, 2019 and 2018, are as follows:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Grantor resources for specific use and contractually restricted cash	<u><u>\$ 30,925</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 55,289</u></u>

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(6) Long-Term Liabilities

Activity relating to the Authority’s long-term liabilities during the years ending September 30, 2019 and 2018, consists of the following:

	Beginning			Ending	Due Within	More Than
	Balance	Additions	Deletions	Balance	One Year	One Year
Balance at September 30, 2019						
Compensated absences	\$ 2,459,965	\$ 3,182,526	\$ 3,016,244	\$ 2,626,247	\$ 46,294	\$ 2,579,953
Claims and judgements	3,932,616	1,292,681	1,466,849	3,758,448	1,215,409	2,543,039
Total long term liabilities	<u>\$ 6,392,581</u>	<u>\$ 4,475,207</u>	<u>\$ 4,483,093</u>	<u>\$ 6,384,695</u>	<u>\$ 1,261,703</u>	<u>\$ 5,122,992</u>
Balance at September 30, 2018						
Compensated absences	\$ 2,363,888	\$ 3,070,895	\$ 2,974,818	\$ 2,459,965	\$ 43,363	\$ 2,416,602
Claims and judgements	4,019,300	1,762,779	1,849,463	3,932,616	1,287,110	2,645,506
Total long term liabilities	<u>\$ 6,383,188</u>	<u>\$ 4,833,674</u>	<u>\$ 4,824,281</u>	<u>\$ 6,392,581</u>	<u>\$ 1,330,473</u>	<u>\$ 5,062,108</u>

(7) Risk Management

The Authority maintains self-insured programs for damage to vehicles and general liability claims for amounts up to \$100,000 and workers’ compensation claims for amounts up to \$250,000. The Authority carries insurance coverage for excess liability limited to \$2,000,000 per occurrence for vehicle and general liability claims. The Authority’s excess workers’ compensation program provides protection consistent with Florida Statutes. For the past three years, insurance settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage and there were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the previous year.

The liabilities for these self-insurance programs currently recorded as claims and judgments were determined by actuarial valuation not discounted and include estimates for incurred but not reported claims. Non-incremental claims adjustment expenses are also included as part of the liability for claims.

The Authority’s health plans are also self-insured up to an aggregate claim limit of \$8,589,815 and \$7,675,861 for the years ending September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The Authority carries insurance coverage for all claims in excess of those maximum limits. Since the Authority met those limits as of September 30, 2019 and 2018, no liability for claims payable and incurred but not reported claims has been established.

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(7) Risk Management (Continued)

The incurred claims in the following reconciliation of claims liabilities includes prior years' estimated claims settled without payment and year-end adjustment to estimated claims liability.

	<u>Workers'</u> <u>Compensation</u>	<u>General</u> <u>Liability</u>	<u>Total</u>
Claims reserve - September 30, 2016	789,000	3,319,238	4,108,238
Claims incurred	1,365,295	308,012	1,673,307
Claim payments	<u>(1,237,856)</u>	<u>(524,389)</u>	<u>(1,762,245)</u>
Claims reserve - September 30, 2017	916,439	3,102,861	4,019,300
Claims incurred	1,449,138	313,641	1,762,779
Claim payments	<u>(1,230,352)</u>	<u>(619,111)</u>	<u>(1,849,463)</u>
Claims reserve - September 30, 2018	1,135,225	2,797,391	3,932,616
Claims incurred	272,502	1,020,179	1,292,681
Claim payments	<u>(556,273)</u>	<u>(910,576)</u>	<u>(1,466,849)</u>
Claims reserve - September 30, 2019	\$ <u>851,454</u>	\$ <u>2,906,994</u>	\$ <u>3,758,448</u>
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	
Claims and judgments			
Due within one year	\$ 1,215,409	\$ 1,287,110	
Due in more than one year	<u>2,543,039</u>	<u>2,645,506</u>	
	\$ <u>3,758,448</u>	\$ <u>3,932,616</u>	

(8) Defined Benefit Pension Plans

The Florida Retirement System (FRS) was created by Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, to provide a defined benefit pension plan for participating public employees. The FRS was amended in 1998 to add the Deferred Retirement Option Program under the defined benefit plan and amended in 2000 to provide a defined contribution plan alternative to the defined benefit plan for FRS members effective July 1, 2002. This integrated defined contribution pension plan is the FRS Investment Plan. Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, established the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) Program, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, to assist retired members of any State-administered retirement system in paying the costs of health insurance.

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(8) **Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)**

Essentially all regular employees of the Authority are eligible to enroll as members of the State-administered FRS. Provisions relating to the FRS are established by Chapters 121 and 122, Florida Statutes; Chapter 112, Part IV, Florida Statutes; Chapter 238, Florida Statutes; and FRS Rules, Chapter 60S, Florida Administrative Code; wherein eligibility, contributions, and benefits are defined and described in detail. Such provisions may be amended at any time by further action from the Florida Legislature. The FRS is a single retirement system administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, and consists of the two cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plans and other nonintegrated programs. A comprehensive annual financial report of the FRS, which includes its financial statements, required supplementary information, actuarial report, and other relevant information, is available from the Florida Department of Management Services' website.

(www.dms.myflorida.com/workforce_operations/retirement/publications).

The Authority's aggregate pension expense totaled \$6,953,850 and \$4,282,650 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Florida Retirement System Pension Plan

(a) **Plan Description**

The Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (FRS Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, with a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) for eligible employees. The general classes of membership are as follows:

Regular Class – Members of the FRS who do not qualify for membership in the other classes.

Elected County Officers Class – Members who hold specified elective offices in local government.

Senior Management Service Class (SMSC) – Members in senior management level positions.

Special Risk Class – Members who are special risk employees, such as law enforcement officers, meet the criteria to qualify for this class.

Employees enrolled in the FRS Plan prior to July 1, 2011, vest at six years of creditable service and employees enrolled in the FRS Plan on or after July 1, 2011, vest at eight years of creditable service. All vested members, enrolled prior to July 1, 2011, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 62 or at any age after 30 years of service, except for members classified as special risk who are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 55 or at any age after 25 years of service. All members enrolled in the FRS Plan on or after July 1, 2011, once vested, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 65 or any time after 33 years of creditable service, except for members classified as special risk who are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 60 or at any age after 30 years of service. Employees enrolled in the FRS Plan may include up to four years of credit for military service toward creditable service. The FRS Plan also includes an early retirement provision; however, there is a benefit reduction for each year a member retires before his or her normal retirement date. The FRS

(8) **Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Florida Retirement System Pension Plan) - Continued**

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(a) Plan Description - Continued

Plan provides retirement, disability, death benefits, and annual cost-of-living adjustments to eligible participants. DROP, subject to provisions of Section 121.091, Florida Statutes, permits employees eligible for normal retirement under the FRS Plan to defer receipt of monthly benefit payments while continuing employment with an FRS participating employer. An employee may participate in DROP for a period not to exceed 60 months after electing to participate, except that certain instructional personnel may participate for up to 96 months. During the period of DROP participation, deferred monthly benefits are held in the FRS Trust Fund and accrue interest. The net pension liability does not include amounts for DROP participants, as these members are considered retired and are not accruing additional pension benefits.

(b) Benefits Provided

Benefits under the FRS Plan are computed on the basis of age and/or years of service, average final compensation, and service credit. Credit for each year of service is expressed as a percentage of the average final compensation. For members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the five highest fiscal years' earnings; for members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the eight highest fiscal years' earnings. The total percentage value of the benefit received is determined by calculating the total value of all service, which is based on the retirement class to which the member belonged when the service credit was earned. Members are eligible for in-line-of-duty or regular disability and survivors' benefits. The following chart shows the percentage value for each year of service credit earned.

<u>Class, Initial Enrollment, and Retirement Age/Years of Service:</u>	<u>% Value</u>
Regular Class members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011	
Retirement up to age 62 or up to 30 years of service	1.60
Retirement up to age 63 or up to 31 years of service	1.63
Retirement up to age 64 or up to 32 years of service	1.65
Retirement up to age 65 or up to 33 years of service	1.68
Regular Class members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011	
Retirement up to age 65 or up to 33 years of service	1.60
Retirement up to age 66 or up to 34 years of service	1.63
Retirement up to age 67 or up to 35 years of service	1.65
Retirement up to age 68 or up to 36 years of service	1.68

As provided in Section 121.101, Florida Statutes, if the member is initially enrolled in the FRS before July 1, 2011, and all service credit was accrued before July 1, 2011, the annual cost-of-living adjustment is 3% per year. If the member is initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, and has service credit on or after July 1, 2011, there is an individually calculated cost-of-living adjustment. The annual cost-of-living adjustment is a proportion of 3% determined by dividing the sum of the pre-July 2011 service credit by the total service credit at retirement

(8) Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Florida Retirement System Pension Plan) - Continued

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(b) Benefits Provided-continued

multiplied by 3%. FRS Plan members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, will not have a cost-of-living adjustment after retirement.

(c) Contributions

The Florida Legislature establishes contribution rates for participating employers and employees. Effective July 1, 2011, all FRS Plan members (except those in DROP) are required to make 3% employee contributions on a pretax basis. The employer contribution rates by job class in the tables below were applied to employee salaries to determine monthly contributions. The Authority's contributions to the FRS Plan were \$2,206,623 and \$1,954,193 for the years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Contribution Rates - Employer - 2019

Job Class	October 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	July 1, 2019 - September 30, 2019
Regular	8.26%	8.47%
Special Risk	24.50%	25.48%
Special Risk Administrative Support	34.98%	38.59%
Elected County Officers	48.70%	48.82%
Senior Management	24.06%	25.41%
DROP Participants	14.03%	14.60%
Above rates include HIS Plan subsidy of:	1.66%	1.66%

Contribution Rates - Employer - 2018

Job Class	October 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018	July 1, 2018 - September 30, 2018
Regular	7.92%	8.26%
Special Risk	23.27%	24.50%
Special Risk Administrative Support	34.63%	34.98%
Elected County Officers	45.50%	48.70%
Senior Management	21.71%	24.06%
DROP Participants	13.26%	14.03%
Above rates include HIS Plan subsidy of:	1.66%	1.66%

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(8) Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Florida Retirement System Pension Plan) - Continued

(d) Pension Costs

At September 30, 2019 and 2018, the Authority reported a liability of \$23,972,635 and \$20,168,800, respectively, for its proportionate share of the FRS Plan's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an annual actuarial valuation as of July 1. The Authority's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Authority's contributions received by FRS during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1 through June 30, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of FRS's participating employers. At June 30, 2019, the Authority's proportion was 0.06961%, which was an increase of 0.00265% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018. At June 30, 2018, the Authority's proportion was 0.06696%, which was an increase of 0.0010% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

For the year ended September 30, 2019, the Authority recognized pension expense of \$5,915,515 for its proportionate share of FRS's pension expense. In addition, the Authority reported its proportionate share of FRS's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources:

FRS Deferred Inflows/Outflows - 2019

Description	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Economic Experience	\$ 1,421,886	\$ 14,877
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	6,157,204	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	-	1,326,291
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Entity Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	869,050	333,158
Entity Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	521,288	-
Total	\$ 8,969,428	\$ 1,674,326

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(8) Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Florida Retirement System Pension Plan) - Continued

(d) Pension Costs - Continued

\$521,288 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Authority contributions to the FRS Plan subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as an increase (decrease) in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended September 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2020	\$ 2,371,259
2021	773,701
2022	1,781,562
2023	1,341,625
2024	392,554
Thereafter	113,113

For the year ended September 30, 2018, the Authority recognized pension expense of \$3,422,038, for its proportionate share of FRS's pension expense. In addition, the Authority reported its proportionate share of FRS's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources:

FRS Deferred Inflows/Outflows - 2018

<u>Description</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences Between Expected and Actual Economic Experience	\$ 1,708,601	\$ 62,014
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	6,590,183	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	-	1,558,286
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Entity Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	565,238	516,633
Entity Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	473,070	-
Total	\$ 9,745,162	\$ 2,136,933

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(8) Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Florida Retirement System Pension Plan) - Continued

(d) Pension Costs – Continued

\$473,070 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Authority contributions to the FRS Plan subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as an increase (decrease) in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended September 30	Amount
2019	\$ 2,550,611
2020	1,791,495
2021	254,065
2022	1,225,144
2023	800,622
Thereafter	105,512

(e) Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the July 1, 2019 and the July 1, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Valuation Date	July 1, 2019	July 1, 2018
Measurement Date	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018
Inflation per year	2.60%	2.60%
Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25%	3.25%
Investment Rate of Return Net of Pension Plan Investment Expense, Including Inflation	7.20%	7.10%
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age

Mortality rates for the July 1, 2019 valuation were based on PUB-2010 base table varies by member and sex, projected generationally with scale MP 2018 and for the July 1, 2018 valuation were based on the Generational RP-2000 with Projection Scale BB. The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study completed in 2019 for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2018 and the July 1, 2018 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study completed in 2014 for the period July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2013

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(8) Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Florida Retirement System Pension Plan) - Continued

(e) Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was not based on historical returns, but instead is based on a forward-looking capital market economic model. The allocation policy's description of each asset class was used to map the target allocation to the asset classes shown below. Each asset class assumption is based on a consistent set of underlying assumptions and includes an adjustment for the inflation assumption. The target allocation, as outlined in the FRS Plan's investment policy, and best estimates of arithmetic and geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following tables:

FRS Investment Rate of Return – 2019

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Annual Arithmetic Return</u>	<u>Compound Annual (Geometric) Return</u>	<u>Standard Deviation</u>
Cash	1.0%	3.3%	3.3%	1.2%
Fixed Income	18.0%	4.1%	4.1%	3.5%
Global Equity	54.0%	8.0%	6.8%	16.5%
Real Estate (Property)	10.0%	6.7%	6.1%	11.7%
Private Equity	11.0%	11.2%	8.4%	25.8%
Strategic Investments	6.0%	5.9%	5.7%	6.7%
Totals	<u>100%</u>			
Assumed Inflation – Mean			2.6%	1.7%

FRS Investment Rate of Return - 2018

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Annual Arithmetic Return</u>	<u>Compound Annual (Geometric) Return</u>	<u>Standard Deviation</u>
Cash	1.0%	2.9%	2.9%	1.8%
Fixed Income	18.0%	4.4%	4.3%	4.0%
Global Equity	54.0%	7.6%	6.3%	17.0%
Real Estate (Property)	11.0%	6.6%	6.0%	11.3%
Private Equity	10.0%	10.7%	7.8%	26.5%
Strategic Investments	6.0%	6.0%	5.7%	8.6%
Totals	<u>100%</u>			
Assumed Inflation – Mean			2.6%	1.9%

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(8) Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Florida Retirement System Pension Plan) – Continued

(f) Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.90% and 7.00% for the FRS Plan for the actuarial valuation date July 1, 2019 and July 1, 2018, respectively. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee and employer contributions will be made at the rate specified in statute. Based on that assumption, each of the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability

(g) Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the Authority’s proportionate share of the net pension liability for the FRS Plan, calculated using the discount rate disclosed in the preceding paragraph, as well as what the Authority’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

FRS Pension Liability Sensitivity – 2019

<u>Description</u>	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase in Discount Rate</u>
FRS Plan Discount Rate	5.90%	6.90%	7.90%
Authority’s Proportionate Share of the FRS Plan Net Pension Liability	\$ 41,440,703	\$ 23,972,635	\$ 9,383,843

FRS Pension Liability Sensitivity – 2018

<u>Description</u>	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase in Discount Rate</u>
FRS Plan Discount Rate	6.00%	7.00%	8.00%
Authority’s Proportionate Share of the FRS Plan Net Pension Liability	\$ 36,808,906	\$ 20,168,800	\$ 6,348,208

(h) Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the FRS Plan’s fiduciary’s net position is available in a separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State-Administered Systems Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. That report may be obtained through the Florida Department of Management Services website at:

www.dms.myflorida.com/workforce_operations/retirement/publications/annual_reports.

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(8) **Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program)**

Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program

(a) **Plan Description**

The Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program (HIS Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established under Section 112.363, Florida Statutes, and may be amended by the Florida Legislature at any time. The benefit is a monthly payment to assist retirees of State-administered retirement systems in paying their health insurance costs and is administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement.

(b) **Benefits Provided**

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, eligible retirees and beneficiaries received a monthly HIS payment of \$5 for each year of creditable service completed at the time of retirement, with a minimum HIS payment of \$30 and a maximum HIS payment of \$150 per month, pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. To be eligible to receive a HIS Plan benefit, a retiree under a State-administered retirement system must provide proof of health insurance coverage, which may include Medicare.

(c) **Contributions**

The HIS Plan is funded by required contributions from FRS participating employers as set by the Florida Legislature. Employer contributions are a percentage of gross compensation for all active FRS members. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, the contribution rate was 1.66% of payroll pursuant to section 112.363, Florida Statutes. The Authority contributed 100% of its statutorily required contributions for the current and preceding 3 years. HIS Plan contributions are deposited in a separate trust fund from which payments are authorized. HIS Plan benefits are not guaranteed and are subject to annual legislative appropriation. In the event the legislative appropriation or available funds fail to provide full subsidy benefits to all participants, benefits may be reduced or canceled. The Authority's contributions to the HIS Plan were \$566,789 and \$526,712 for the years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

(d) **Pension Costs**

At September 30, 2019 and 2018, the Authority reported a liability of \$11,277,546 and \$10,161,933, respectively, for its proportionate share of the HIS Plan's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by annual actuarial valuations as of July 1. The Authority's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Authority's contributions received during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1 through June 30, relative to the total employer contributions received from all participating employers. At June 30, 2019, the Authority's proportion was 0.10079% which was an increase of 0.00478% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018. At June 30, 2018, the Authority's proportion was 0.0960% which was an increase of 0.00059% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

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(8) Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program) - Continued

(d) Pension Costs - Continued

For the year ended September 30, 2019, the Authority recognized pension expense of \$1,038,335 for its proportionate share of HIS's pension expense. In addition, the Authority reported its proportionate share of HIS's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources:

HIS Deferred Inflows/Outflows - 2019

Description	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Economic Experience	\$ 136,978	\$ 13,809
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	1,305,833	921,735
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on HIS Program Investments	7,277	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Authority Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	829,842	42,942
Authority Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	129,364	-
Total	\$ 2,409,294	\$ 978,486

\$129,364 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Authority contributions to the HIS Subsidy Program subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as an increase (decrease) in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended September 30	Amount
2020	\$392,661
2021	341,978
2022	260,831
2023	58,502
2024	85,663
Thereafter	161,809

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(8) Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program) - Continued

(d) Pension Costs - Continued

For the year ended September 30, 2018, the Authority recognized pension expense of \$860,612 for its proportionate share of HIS's pension expense. In addition, the Authority reported its proportionate share of HIS's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources:

HIS Deferred Inflows/Outflows – 2018

<u>Description</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences Between Expected and Actual Economic Experience	\$155,575	\$ 17,265
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	1,130,133	1,074,405
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on HIS Program Investments	6,134	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Authority Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	515,456	51,200
Authority Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	122,260	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,929,558</u>	<u>\$ 1,142,870</u>

\$122,260 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Authority contributions to the HIS Subsidy Program subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as an increase (decrease) in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended September 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2019	\$ 244,293
2020	243,776
2021	195,169
2022	117,789
2023	(76,676)
Thereafter	(59,923)

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(8) Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program) - Continued

(e) Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the July 1, 2019 and July 1, 2018, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Valuation Date	July 1, 2019	July 1, 2018
Measurement Date	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018
Inflation per year	2.60%	2.60%
Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25%	3.25%
Municipal Bond Rate	3.50%	3.87%

Mortality rates were based on the Generational RP-2000 with Projection Scale BB. The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2019 valuation was based on the results of an actuarial experience study of the FRS Pension Plan complete in 2019 for the period July 1 2013 through June 30, 2018 and the July 1, 2018, valuation was based on the results of an actuarial experience study of the FRS Pension Plan completed in 2014 for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013.

(f) Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 3.50% and 3.87% for the HIS Plan for the actuarial valuation date July 1, 2019 and July 1, 2018, respectively. In general, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the single rate equivalent to discounting at the long-term expected rate of return for benefit payments prior to the projected depletion date. Because the HIS benefit is essentially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, the depletion date is considered to be immediate, and the single equivalent discount rate is equal to the municipal bond rate selected by the HIS Plan sponsor. The Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index was adopted as the applicable municipal bond index.

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(8) Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program) - Continued

(g) Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the Authority’s proportionate share of the net pension liability for the HIS Plan, calculated using the discount rate disclosed in the preceding paragraph, as well as what the Authority’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

HIS Pension Liability Sensitivity - 2019

<u>Description</u>	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase in Discount Rate</u>
HIS Plan Discount Rate	2.50%	3.50%	4.50%
Authority's Proportionate Share of the HIS Plan Net Pension Liability	\$ 12,873,897	\$ 11,277,546	\$ 9,947,967

HIS Pension Liability Sensitivity - 2018

<u>Description</u>	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase in Discount Rate</u>
HIS Plan Discount Rate	2.87%	3.87%	4.87%
Authority's Proportionate Share of the HIS Plan Net Pension Liability	\$ 11,573,847	\$ 10,161,933	\$ 8,985,022

(h) Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the HIS Plan’s fiduciary’s net position is available in a separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State-Administered Systems Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. That report may be obtained through the Florida Department of Management Services website at:

www.dms.myflorida.com/workforce_operations/retirement/publications.

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(8) Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Continued

(i) Defined Contribution Plan

The Florida State Board of Administration (SBA) administers the defined contribution plan officially titled the FRS Investment Plan (Investment Plan). The Investment Plan is reported in the SBA's annual financial statements and in the State of Florida Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

As provided in Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, eligible FRS members may elect to participate in the Investment Plan in lieu of the FRS defined benefit plan. Authority employees participating in DROP are not eligible to participate in the Investment Plan. Employer and employee contributions, including amounts contributed to individual member's accounts, are defined by law, but the ultimate benefit depends in part on the performance of investment funds. Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, for the Investment Plan are established and may be amended by the Florida Legislature. The Investment Plan is funded with the same employer and employee contribution rates that are based on salary and membership class (Regular Class, Elected County Officers, etc.), as the FRS defined benefit plan. Contributions are directed to individual member accounts, and the individual members allocate contributions and account balances among various approved investment choices. Costs of administering the plan, including the FRS Financial Guidance Program, are funded through an employer contribution of 0.06% of payroll through June 30, 2018 then 0.06% of payroll through September 30, 2019 and by forfeited benefits of plan members. Allocations to the member accounts during the 2018-19 fiscal year and the 2017-18 fiscal year, as established by Section 121.72, Florida Statutes, were based on a percentage of gross compensation, by class, as follows: During the 2018-19, Regular class 6.60%, Special Risk Administrative Support class 8.43%, Special Risk class 16.54%, Senior Management Service class 7.98% and County Elected Officers class 11.95%. During the 2017-18, Regular class 6.60%, Special Risk Administrative Support class 8.43%, Special Risk class 16.48%, Senior Management Service class 7.98% and County Elected Officers class 11.95%. These allocations include a required employee contribution of 3% of gross compensation for each member class.

For all membership classes, employees are immediately vested in their own contributions and are vested after 1 year of service for employer contributions and investment earnings. If an accumulated benefit obligation for service credit originally earned under the FRS Pension Plan is transferred to the Investment Plan, the member must have the years of service required for FRS Pension Plan vesting (including the service credit represented by the transferred funds) to be vested for these funds and the earnings on the funds. Non-vested employer contributions are placed in a suspense account for up to five years. If the employee returns to FRS-covered employment within the five-year period, the employee will regain control over their account. If the employee does not return within the five-year period, the employee will forfeit the accumulated account balance. For the years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, the information for the amount of forfeitures was unavailable from the SBA; however, management believes that these amounts, if any, would be immaterial to the Authority.

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(8) Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Continued

(i) Defined Contribution Plan - Continued

After termination and applying to receive benefits, the member may rollover vested funds to another qualified plan, structure a periodic payment under the Investment Plan, receive a lump-sum distribution, leave the funds invested for future distribution, or any combination of these options. Disability coverage is provided; the member may either transfer the account balance to the FRS Pension Plan when approved for disability retirement to receive guaranteed lifetime monthly benefits under the FRS Pension Plan or remain in the Investment Plan and rely upon that account balance for retirement income.

The Authority's Investment Plan pension expense totaled \$458,441 and \$372,561 for the years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. Employee contributions to the Investment Plan totaled \$166,466 and \$139,615 for the years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

(9) Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)

The Authority had previously adopted the provisions of Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* (GASB 75). GASB 75 requires governments to recognize their total OPEB obligation, and deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB expense in the financial statements based on the actuarial present value of projected benefit payments, rather than the smaller net OPEB obligation based on the contribution requirements. The Authority provides postretirement healthcare benefits in accordance with *Florida Statutes* to all employees who retire from the employ of the Authority. The retiree pays 100% of the blended premium cost (rate) for the retiree to participate in the Authority's insurance program. These blended premium rates provide an implicit rate subsidy for retirees because, on an actuarial basis, their current and future claims are expected to result in higher costs to the plan on average than those of active employees. The difference in the rate a retiree would pay if in a plan separate from active employees is considered the rate differential. Since the retiree pays 100% of the blended premium cost rate, there is no explicit rate subsidy provided by the Authority to retirees.

(a) Plan Description

The authority administers an employer defined benefit healthcare plan that provides medical insurance benefits to its employees and their eligible dependents. In accordance with Section 112.0801 of the *Florida Statutes*, because the Authority provides a medical plan to active employees of the Authority and their eligible dependents, the Authority is also required to provide retirees with the opportunity to participate in the plan. Retirees and their dependents are charged the full premium for coverage through the plan. To be eligible to receive retiree medical benefits, participants must be eligible for normal retirement benefits under the FRS and pay the required contributions. The requirements for eligibility for benefits are age 62 with six years of service, or 30 years of service with no age requirement for persons hired before July 1, 2011. The requirements for eligibility for benefits are age 65 with eight years of service, or 33 years of service with no age requirement for persons hired on or after July 1, 2011.

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(9) **Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) - Continued**

(a) **Plan Description - Continued**

The benefits are provided through Cigna and provide hospital, medical and prescription coverage. Benefit duration is through age 65.

Contribution rates for the Plan are established on an annual basis by the Board of Directors. Eligible retirees and their covered dependents receiving benefits contribute 100% of their premium cost for the plan. The postretirement hospital, medical, and prescription coverage are currently funded on a cash basis (pay-as-you-go) as benefits are paid. No assets have been segregated, restricted, or held in trust to pay for postemployment benefits.

The number of employees covered by benefit terms as of October 1, 2018, the most recent actuarial valuation date, are as follows:

Retirees and dependents receiving benefits	4
Retirees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	-
Active Employees	542
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Total participants covered by OPEB plan	546
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(b) **Total OPEB Liability**

At September 30, 2019 and 2018, the Authority reported a liability of \$2,452,283 and \$2,067,165, respectively, for its total OPEB liability. The total OPEB liability was measured as of September 30 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of October 1, 2018.

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(9) Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) - Continued

(c) Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

The total OPEB liability in the October 1, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Valuation Date	October 1, 2018
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates:	
Current Year Trend	4.48%
Second Year Trend	8.50%
Decrement	0.50%
Ultimate Trend	4.50%
Year Ultimate Trend is Reached	2028
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal

The discount rate of 3.58% was based on the yield for the 20-year tax-exempt high-quality general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher (or equivalent quality on another rating scale) as of September 30, 2019. Mortality rates were based on the SOA Pub-2010 General Headcount Weighted Mortality Table fully generational using Scale MP-2018.

(d) Changes in Total OPEB Liability

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Changes for the Year:		
Service cost	\$ 87,502	\$ 89,211
Interest on OPEB	76,146	68,184
Experience	(231,264)	86,420
Assumptions	579,342	-
Employer contributions	<u>(126,608)</u>	<u>(99,659)</u>
Change in total OPEB	385,118	144,156
Total OPEB - beginning of year	<u>2,067,165</u>	<u>1,923,009</u>
Total OPEB - end of year	<u>\$ 2,452,283</u>	<u>\$ 2,067,165</u>

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(9) Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) - Continued

(e) Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Authority’s total OPEB liability for the OPEB plan, calculated using the discount rate disclosed in the actuarial assumptions, as well as what the Authority’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

Total OPEB Liability Sensitivity Discount Rate- 2019

Description	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
OPEB Plan Discount Rate	2.58%	3.58%	4.58%
Total OPEB liability	\$ 2,585,257	\$ 2,452,283	\$ 2,321,197

Total OPEB Liability Sensitivity Discount Rate- 2018

Description	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
OPEB Plan Discount Rate	2.64%	3.64%	4.64%
Total OPEB liability	\$ 2,264,040	\$ 2,067,165	\$ 1,940,378

(f) Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rate

The following presents the Authority’s total OPEB liability for the OPEB plan, calculated using the healthcare cost trend rate disclosed in the actuarial assumptions, as well as what the Authority’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare cost trend rate one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

Total OPEB Liability Sensitivity Healthcare Cost Trend Rate – 2019

Description	1% Decrease	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
OPEB Plan Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Total OPEB Obligation	\$ 2,197,419	\$ 2,452,283	\$ 2,748,896

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(9) Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) - Continued

(f) Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rate (Continued)

Total OPEB Obligation Sensitivity Healthcare Cost Trend Rate – 2018

<u>Description</u>	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
OPEB Plan Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	3.99%	4.99%	5.99%
Total OPEB Obligation	\$ 1,901,445	\$ 2,067,165	\$ 2,257,434

(g) OPEB Costs

For the year ended September 30, 2019, the Authority recognized OPEB expense of \$84,557. In addition, the Authority reported OPEB deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources:

OPEB Deferred Inflows/Outflows – 2019

<u>Description</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences Between Expected and Actual Economic Experience	\$ 54,061	\$ 631,868
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	496,579	50,844
Total	\$ 550,640	\$ 682,712

Amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources will be recognized as an increase (decrease) in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended September 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2020	(79,091)
2021	(79,091)
2022	(79,091)
2023	5,747
2024	49,725
Thereafter	49,729

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(9) Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) - Continued

(g) OPEB Costs - Continued

For the year ended September 30, 2018, the Authority recognized OPEB expense of \$28,579. In addition, the Authority reported OPEB deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources:

OPEB Deferred Inflows/Outflows – 2018

Description	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Economic Experience	\$ 85,009	\$ 578,189
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	-	66,060
Total	\$ 85,009	\$ 644,249

Amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources will be recognized as an increase (decrease) in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ended September 30	Amount
2019	\$ (128,816)
2020	(128,816)
2021	(128,816)
2022	(128,816)
2023	(43,976)

(10) Commitments and Contingencies

(a) Grant Expenditures Subject to Audit

The Authority receives funding through capital grants and operating assistance grants from the FTA and from FDOT. Expenditures financed by capital and operating assistance grants are subject to audit and acceptance by the granting agency. Any disallowed expenditure may need to be repaid to the granting agency; however, it is management’s opinion that no material liabilities will result from any such audits.

(b) Fuel Contract Commitment

The Authority periodically enters into fuel purchase contracts to help mitigate against the possibility of fluctuating fuel prices throughout the year. At September 30, 2019, the Authority has committed to buy approximately \$2.9 million in fuel over the next fiscal year.

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(10) Commitments and Contingencies - Continued

(c) Construction and Service Contract Commitments

The Authority has active construction projects as of September 30, 2019. The major projects and contracts include the Central Avenue BRT and purchase of buses.

**Projects/Contracts
As of September 30, 2019**

Project / Contracts	Committed	Remaining
ADA Landing Pads	\$ 70,000	\$ 30,158
APC Units	571,420	104,610
Clearwater Intermodal Terminal	80,498	25,226
Downtown Circulator Stops	73,791	51,815
Financial Plan	93,750	33,072
Miscellaneous Technical Services	53,541	47,245
Paralelagram Lifts	453,408	453,408
Purchase of Electric LowNo Buses	3,392,144	3,392,144
Regional Fare Collection Project	3,686,375	316,637
Sandbox Project	95,290	83,291
Sandbox Project	95,000	32,599
Security & Safety Systems	34,468	34,468
Service Lane Infrastructure	166,089	166,089
Service Lane Infrastructure	40,191	40,191
Shelters	688,015	67,353
SMS Document Updates	95,000	95,000
Tire Lease	495,000	375,624
Total	\$ 10,183,979	\$ 5,348,930

(11) Subsequent Events

Subsequent to year end, the World Health Organization declared the spread of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) a worldwide pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic is having significant effects on global markets, supply chains, businesses, and communities. Specific to the Authority, COVID-19 may impact various parts of its 2020 operations and financial results including, but not limited to, costs for emergency preparedness and shortages of personnel. Management believes the Authority is taking appropriate actions to mitigate the negative impact. However, the full impact of COVID-19 is unknown and cannot be reasonably estimated as these events occurred subsequent to year end and are still developing.

During the period from January 1, 2020 through May 15, 2020, both domestic and international equity markets have experienced significant declines. These losses are not reflected in the financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2019 as these events occurred subsequent to year end and are still developing.

SECTION III
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
(UNAUDITED)

PINELLAS SUNCOAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of Changes in Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratios

**Last Ten Measurement Periods
(Unaudited)**

**Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) Plan
Last Ten Fiscal Years***

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
OPEB Liability Beginning of Year	\$ 2,067,165	\$ 1,923,009	\$ 2,905,979	\$ 2,943,847
Changes for the Year:				
Service Cost	87,502	89,211	107,472	107,215
Interest on OPEB Liability	76,146	68,184	77,647	78,460
Changes of Benefit Terms	-	-	-	-
Difference Between Actual and Expected Experience	(231,264)	86,420	(844,549)	24,974
Changes of Assumptions	579,342	-	(96,494)	-
Benefit Payments	<u>(126,608)</u>	<u>(99,659)</u>	<u>(227,046)</u>	<u>(248,517)</u>
OPEB Liability End of Year	<u>\$ 2,452,283</u>	<u>\$ 2,067,165</u>	<u>\$ 1,923,009</u>	<u>\$ 2,905,979</u>
Covered Payroll	<u>\$ 31,479,917</u>	<u>\$ 30,388,585</u>	<u>\$ 29,753,116</u>	<u>\$ 27,439,156</u>

* The Amounts Presented for Each Fiscal Year were Determined as of September 30.

Note 1: Information is required to be presented for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the Authority will present information for only those years for which information is available.

Note 2: The Authority has no assets segregated, restricted, or held in a irrevocable trust to pay for OPEB benefits.

Note 3: In the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017, the actuarial assumption for healthcare cost trend rates decreased and the discount rate increased.

Note 4: In the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, the actuarial assumption for per capita costs was updated using a new costing method, the mortality table was updated, as were the termination tables. Retirement tables, payroll growth tables, and the measurement date discount rate were also updated, as were health care trend rates.

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Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability – Pension Plan

**Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

**Florida Retirement System Pension Plan
Last Ten Fiscal Years***

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Authority's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.069609768%	0.066960334%	0.068003875%	0.063517223%	0.066955424%	0.065424235%
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 23,972,635	\$ 20,168,800	\$ 20,115,090	\$ 16,038,149	\$ 8,648,191	\$ 3,991,840
Authority's Covered Payroll **	\$ 33,715,964	\$ 31,365,733	\$ 30,821,174	\$ 28,037,676	\$ 27,438,151	\$ 26,402,185
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	71.10%	64.30%	65.26%	57.20%	31.52%	15.12%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a percentage of the total Pension Liability	84.26 %	84.26 %	83.89%	84.88%	92.00%	96.09%

* The Amounts Presented for Each Fiscal Year were Determined as of June 30.

** Authority's covered payroll represents pensionable wages of all FRS participants in the traditional FRS pension and in the investment plan as of the measurement date. Authority's covered payroll is defined by GASB Statement 82 and applied to 2017 through 2014 for comparative purposes.

Note: Information is required to be presented for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the Authority will present information for only those years for which information is available.

**Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program
Last Ten Fiscal Years***

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Authority's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.100791376%	0.096011200%	0.096598126%	0.090789279%	0.090450945%	0.088831612%
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 11,277,546	\$ 10,161,933	\$ 10,328,717	\$ 10,581,114	\$ 9,224,574	\$ 8,305,972
Authority's Covered Payroll **	\$ 33,715,964	\$ 31,365,733	\$ 30,821,174	\$ 28,037,676	\$ 27,438,151	\$ 26,402,185
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of Its Covered Payroll	33.45%	32.40%	33.51%	37.74%	33.62%	31.46%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the total Pension Liability	2.15%	2.15%	1.64%	0.97%	0.50%	0.99%

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Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of Contributions – Pension Plan

**Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

**Florida Retirement System Pension Plan
Last Ten Fiscal Years***

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 2,206,623	\$ 1,954,193	\$ 1,733,196	\$ 1,608,061	\$ 1,607,344	\$ 1,547,917
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(2,206,623)</u>	<u>(1,954,193)</u>	<u>(1,733,196)</u>	<u>(1,608,061)</u>	<u>(1,607,344)</u>	<u>(1,547,917)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Authority's Covered Payroll **	\$34,143,901	\$31,729,648	\$30,248,671	\$28,199,337	\$27,229,593	\$26,777,717
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	6.46%	6.16%	5.73%	5.70%	5.90%	5.78%

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** Authority's covered payroll represents reasonable wages of all FRS participants in the traditional FRS pension and in the investment plan as of the measurement date. Authority's covered payroll is defined by GASB Statement 82 and applied to 2017 through 2014 for comparative purposes.

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**Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program
Last Ten Fiscal Years***

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 566,789	\$ 526,712	\$ 501,622	\$ 468,518	\$ 376,752	\$ 325,698
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(566,789)</u>	<u>(526,712)</u>	<u>(501,622)</u>	<u>(468,518)</u>	<u>(376,752)</u>	<u>(325,698)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Authority's Covered Payroll **	\$34,143,901	\$31,729,648	\$30,248,671	\$28,199,337	\$27,229,593	\$26,777,717
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	1.66%	1.66%	1.66%	1.66%	1.38%	1.22%

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SECTION IV
STATISTICAL SECTION
(UNAUDITED)

**STATISTICAL SECTION
(UNAUDITED)**

This part of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the Authority’s overall financial health.

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**STATISTICAL SECTION
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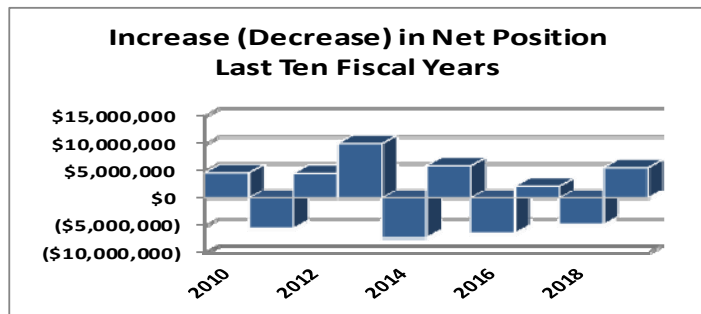
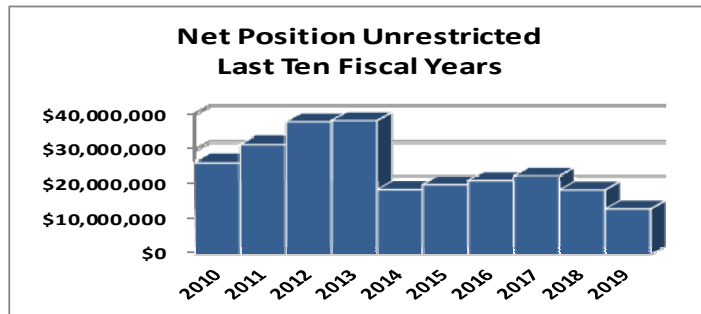
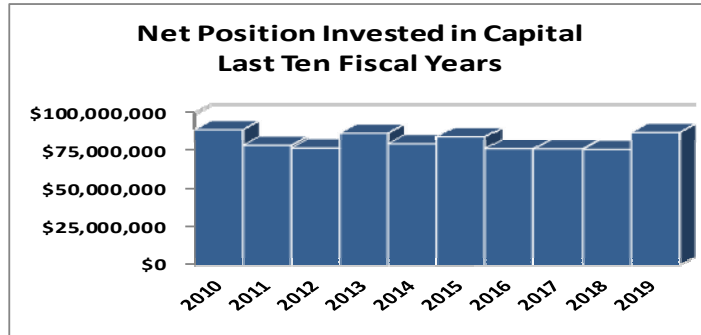
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Net Position by Components

Fiscal Years 2010 – 2019

	Fiscal Year				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Business Type Activities					
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 88,538,927	\$ 78,170,420	\$ 76,411,608	\$ 86,156,611	\$ 79,199,247
Restricted	-	26,619	51,229	61,972	74,992
Unrestricted	26,396,501	31,318,850	37,554,309	37,862,802	18,489,859
Total net position	<u>\$ 114,935,428</u>	<u>\$ 109,515,889</u>	<u>\$ 114,017,146</u>	<u>\$ 124,081,385</u>	<u>\$ 97,764,098</u>
	Fiscal Year				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Business Type Activities					
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 83,810,021	\$ 76,019,269	\$ 75,914,243	\$ 75,483,987	\$ 86,661,740
Restricted	13,020	350,630	381,789	55,289	30,925
Unrestricted	19,865,822	20,993,888	22,316,124 (1)	18,383,748	12,801,579
Total net position	<u>\$ 103,688,863</u>	<u>\$ 97,363,787</u>	<u>\$ 98,612,156</u>	<u>\$ 93,923,024</u>	<u>\$ 99,494,244</u>



(1) Restated to conform to GASB Statement 75.

Note: The statistical section contains "Unaudited" data.

Changes in Net Position

Fiscal Years 2010 – 2019

	Fiscal Year				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Operating revenues:					
Passenger fares	\$ 10,850,676 (1)	\$ 12,788,411 (1)	\$ 14,279,728 (1)	\$ 14,098,511 (1)	\$ 13,585,399
Demand response	906,548 (1)	1,032,194 (1)	1,056,808 (1)	1,098,822 (1)	1,079,160 (1)
Advertising revenue	247,725 (1)	395,847 (1)	439,557 (1)	417,851 (1)	248,224
Total operating revenues	<u>12,004,949</u>	<u>14,216,452</u>	<u>15,776,093</u>	<u>15,615,184</u>	<u>14,912,783</u>
Operating expenses:					
Operations	30,500,001	30,351,762	32,524,451	33,907,097	33,663,536
Purchased Transportation	5,917,169 (1)	6,421,346 (1)	5,854,472 (1)	6,556,558 (1)	6,846,800 (1)
Maintenance	6,791,680	7,604,823	7,256,709	8,172,956	8,374,708
Administration and finance	10,980,462	10,243,021	9,333,777	9,762,130	10,767,137
Marketing	1,750,723	1,826,406	1,702,420	2,202,059	2,591,069
Total operating expenses , before depreciation	<u>55,940,035</u>	<u>56,447,358</u>	<u>56,671,829</u>	<u>60,600,800</u>	<u>62,243,250</u>
Operating loss before depreciation	(43,935,086)	(42,230,906)	(40,895,736)	(44,985,616)	(47,330,467)
Depreciation	<u>7,366,225</u>	<u>8,156,263</u>	<u>7,694,806</u>	<u>8,487,063</u>	<u>9,723,423</u>
Operating loss	<u>(51,301,311)</u>	<u>(50,387,169)</u>	<u>(48,590,542)</u>	<u>(53,472,679)</u>	<u>(57,053,890)</u>
Nonoperating revenues:					
Federal maintenance assistance	2,033,508	2,453,338	7,213,949 (1)	6,045,338 (1)	4,819,162 (1)
State operating assistance	3,521,850	3,567,209	3,847,388	3,917,007	4,015,888
Other federal grants	5,835,531	5,898,891	1,916,693 (1)	1,189,876 (1)	1,946,552 (1)
Special project assistance - state grants	469,226	777,813	1,124,795	3,004,543	2,994,467
Special project assistance - local grants	631,817	638,668	672,877	767,849	833,222
Property tax revenues, net	29,893,863	26,868,560	33,009,275	32,282,955	33,365,462
Investment income	271,233	127,470	221,905	146,824	55,618
Fuel tax refunds	580,860	560,059	610,910	610,172	613,721
Other, net	104,946	155,824	130,357	16,544	67,955
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>43,342,834</u>	<u>41,047,832</u>	<u>48,748,149</u>	<u>47,981,108</u>	<u>48,712,047</u>
(Loss) income before capital grants and special item	(7,958,477)	(9,339,337)	157,607	(5,491,571)	(8,341,843)
Capital grants and other related revenues	<u>12,583,561</u>	<u>3,919,798</u>	<u>4,343,650</u>	<u>15,555,810</u>	<u>1,052,867</u>
Contributed capital - local government	-	-	-	-	100,000
Contributed capital - private sources	-	-	-	-	-
Increase (decrease) in net position	4,625,084	(5,419,539)	4,501,257	10,064,239	(7,188,976)
Net position, beginning of year	<u>110,310,344</u>	<u>114,935,428</u>	<u>109,515,889</u>	<u>114,017,146</u>	<u>104,953,074 (2)</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 114,935,428</u>	<u>\$ 109,515,889</u>	<u>\$ 114,017,146</u>	<u>\$ 124,081,385</u>	<u>\$ 97,764,098</u>

(1) This has been reclassified to conform to current year's classifications.

Note: The statistical section contains "Unaudited" data.

Changes in Net Position

Fiscal Years 2010 – 2019

	Fiscal Year				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Operating revenues:					
Passenger fares	\$ 12,194,799	\$ 10,791,925	\$ 9,535,246	\$ 9,473,561	\$ 9,129,892
Demand response	1,143,997	1,197,937	1,303,510	1,501,156	1,533,743
Advertising revenue	485,359	577,046	582,761	615,234	660,371
Total operating revenues	<u>13,824,155</u>	<u>12,566,908</u>	<u>11,421,517</u>	<u>11,589,951</u>	<u>11,324,006</u>
Operating expenses:					
Operations	34,879,734	33,815,879	36,266,463 (1)	38,570,917	42,873,233
Purchased Transportation	7,444,573	7,738,429	9,637,695	11,627,971	12,123,292
Maintenance	8,902,528	10,178,517	11,536,994 (1)	11,510,788	12,203,763
Administration and finance	11,465,894	12,192,055	12,921,156 (1)	13,898,829	16,682,258
Marketing	708,839	657,700	819,842 (1)	943,235	852,508
Total operating expenses , before depreciation	<u>63,401,568</u>	<u>64,582,580</u>	<u>71,182,150</u>	<u>76,551,740</u>	<u>84,735,054</u>
Operating loss before depreciation	(49,577,413)	(52,015,672)	(59,760,633)	(64,961,789)	(73,411,048)
Depreciation	10,436,619	10,249,547	9,976,763	8,372,047	8,984,115
Operating loss	<u>(60,014,032)</u>	<u>(62,265,219)</u>	<u>(69,737,396)</u>	<u>(73,333,836)</u>	<u>(82,395,163)</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):					
Federal maintenance assistance	5,016,216 (1)	4,979,539	5,009,268	5,026,849	4,975,583
State operating assistance	4,086,490	4,181,314	4,155,670	4,303,778	4,322,748
Other federal grants	1,378,600 (1)	935,330	967,084	1,504,617	2,618,763
Special project assistance - state grants	3,169,227	3,621,648	4,090,853	5,022,559	5,784,028
Special project assistance - local grants	873,441	922,275	1,174,823	1,282,808	1,715,148
Property tax revenues, net	35,592,336	38,166,312	41,607,265	45,389,030	49,113,559
Investment income	193,039	250,882	435,080	809,788	1,114,257
Fuel tax refunds	649,202	641,838	630,827	636,416	644,668
Other, net	(14,055)	313,578	(104,959)	228,008	(210,359)
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>50,944,496</u>	<u>54,012,716</u>	<u>57,965,911</u>	<u>64,203,853</u>	<u>70,078,395</u>
(Loss) income before capital grants and special item	(9,069,536)	(8,252,503)	(11,771,485)	(9,129,983)	(12,316,768)
Capital grants and other related revenues	14,994,301	1,918,427	13,863,703	3,764,851	17,263,244
Contributed capital - local government	-	9,000	9,000	637,254	532,825
Contributed capital - private sources	-	-	23,320	38,746	91,919
Increase (decrease) in net position	5,924,765	(6,325,076)	2,124,538	(4,689,132)	5,571,220
Net position, beginning of year	<u>97,764,098</u>	<u>103,688,863</u>	<u>96,487,618 (3)</u>	<u>98,612,156</u>	<u>93,923,024</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 103,688,863</u>	<u>\$ 97,363,787</u>	<u>\$ 98,612,156</u>	<u>\$ 93,923,024</u>	<u>\$ 99,494,244</u>

(1) This has been reclassified to conform to current year's presentation.

(2) This has been restated to conform to GASB Statements 68 and 71.

(3) This has been restated to conform to GASB Statement 75.

Note: The statistical section contains "Unaudited" data.

**Revenues by Function/Program
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Years 2010 - 2019

	Fiscal Year				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Operating revenues:					
Passenger fares	\$ 10,850,676	\$ 12,788,411	\$ 14,279,728	\$ 14,098,511	\$ 13,585,399
Demand response	906,548 (1)	1,032,194 (1)	1,056,808 (1)	1,098,822 (1)	1,079,160
Advertising revenue	247,725	395,847	439,557	417,851	248,224
Total operating revenues	<u>12,004,949</u>	<u>14,216,452</u>	<u>15,776,093</u>	<u>15,615,184</u>	<u>14,912,783</u>
Nonoperating revenues:					
Federal maintenance assistance	2,033,508	2,453,338	7,213,949	6,045,338	4,819,162
State operating assistance	3,521,850	3,567,209	3,847,388	3,917,007	4,015,888
Other federal grants	5,835,531	5,898,891	1,916,693	1,189,876	1,946,552
Special project assistance - state grants	469,226	777,813	1,124,795	3,004,543	2,994,467
Special project assistance - local grants	631,817	638,668	672,877	767,849	833,222
Property tax revenues, net	29,893,863	26,868,560	33,009,275	32,282,955	33,365,462
Investment income	271,233	127,470	221,905	146,824	55,618
Fuel tax refunds	580,860	560,059	610,910	610,172	613,721
Other, net	104,946	155,824	130,357	16,544	67,955
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>43,342,834</u>	<u>41,047,832</u>	<u>48,748,149</u>	<u>47,981,108</u>	<u>48,712,047</u>
Capital grants and other related revenues	<u>12,583,561</u>	<u>3,919,798</u>	<u>4,343,650</u>	<u>15,555,810</u>	<u>1,052,867</u>
Contributed capital - local government	-	-	-	-	100,000
Contributed capital - private sources	-	-	-	-	-
Total all revenues	<u>\$ 67,931,344</u>	<u>\$ 59,184,082</u>	<u>\$ 68,867,892</u>	<u>\$ 79,152,102</u>	<u>\$ 64,777,697</u>

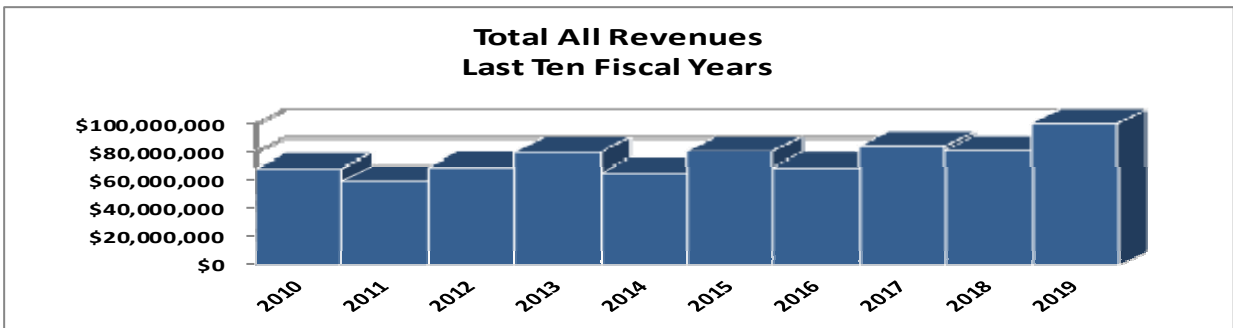
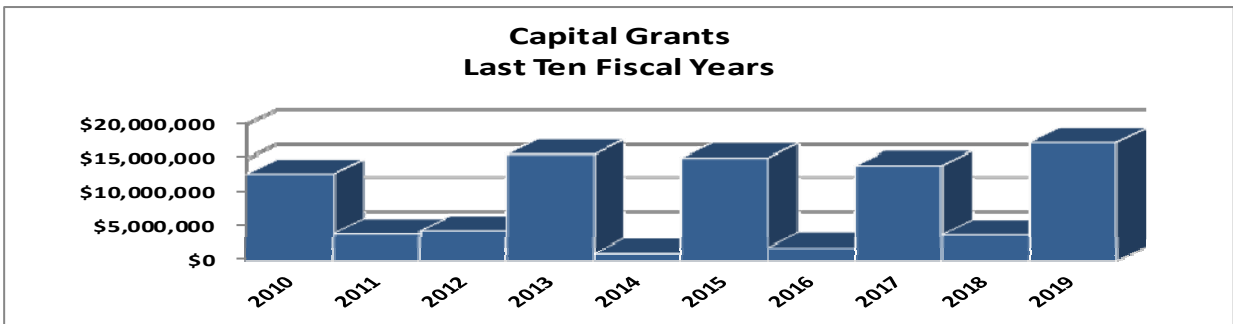
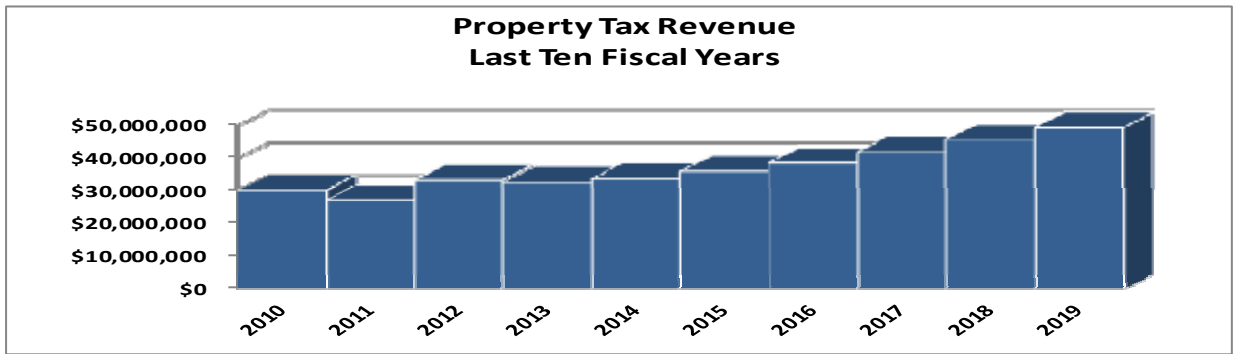
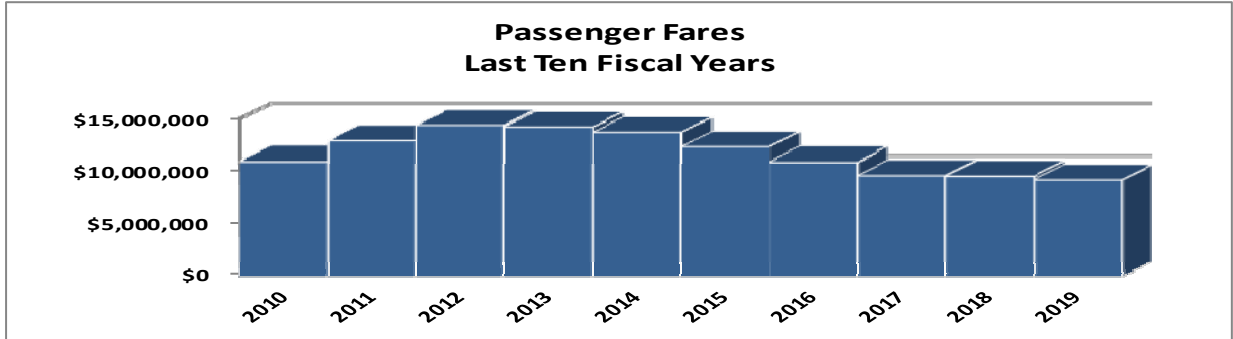
	Fiscal Year				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Operating revenues:					
Passenger fares	\$ 12,194,799	\$ 10,791,925	\$ 9,535,246	\$ 9,473,561	\$ 9,129,892
Demand response	1,143,997	1,197,937	1,303,510	1,501,156	\$ 1,533,743
Advertising revenue	485,359	577,046	582,761	615,234	\$ 660,371
Total operating revenues	<u>13,824,155</u>	<u>12,566,908</u>	<u>11,421,517</u>	<u>11,589,951</u>	<u>11,324,006</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):					
Federal maintenance assistance	5,016,216	4,979,539	5,009,268	5,026,849	4,975,583
State operating assistance	4,086,490	4,181,314	4,155,670	4,303,778	4,322,748
Other federal grants	1,378,600	935,330	967,084	1,504,617	2,618,763
Special project assistance - state grants	3,169,227	3,621,648	4,090,853	5,022,559	5,784,028
Special project assistance - local grants	873,441	922,275	1,174,823	1,282,808	1,715,148
Property tax revenues, net	35,592,336	38,166,312	41,607,265	45,389,030	49,113,559
Investment income	193,039	250,882	435,080	809,788	1,114,257
Fuel tax refunds	649,202	641,838	630,827	636,416	644,668
Other, net	(14,055)	313,578	(104,959)	228,008	(210,359)
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>50,944,496</u>	<u>54,012,716</u>	<u>57,965,911</u>	<u>64,203,853</u>	<u>70,078,395</u>
Capital grants and other related revenues	<u>14,994,301</u>	<u>1,918,427</u>	<u>13,863,703</u>	<u>3,764,851</u>	<u>17,263,244</u>
Contributed capital - local government	-	9,000	9,000	637,254	532,825
Contributed capital - private sources	-	-	23,320	38,746	91,919
Total all revenues	<u>\$ 79,762,952</u>	<u>\$ 68,507,051</u>	<u>\$ 83,283,451</u>	<u>\$ 80,234,655</u>	<u>\$ 99,290,389</u>

(1) This has been reclassified to conform to current year's classifications.

Note: The statistical section contains "Unaudited" data.

**Revenues by Function/Program
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Years 2010 - 2019



Note: The statistical section contains "Unaudited" data.

**Expenses by Function/Program
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Years 2010 – 2019

	Fiscal Year				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Operating expenses:					
Operations	\$ 30,500,001	\$ 30,351,762	\$ 32,524,451	\$ 33,907,097	\$ 33,663,536
Purchased Transportation	5,917,169 (1)	6,421,346 (1)	5,854,472 (1)	6,556,558 (1)	6,846,800
Maintenance	6,791,680	7,604,823	7,256,709	8,172,956	8,374,708
Administration and finance	10,980,462	10,243,021	9,333,777	9,762,130	10,767,137
Marketing	1,750,723	1,826,406	1,702,420	2,202,059	2,591,069
	<u>55,940,035</u>	<u>56,447,358</u>	<u>56,671,829</u>	<u>60,600,800</u>	<u>62,243,250</u>
Total operating expenses, before depreciation					
Depreciation	<u>7,366,225</u>	<u>8,156,263</u>	<u>7,694,806</u>	<u>8,487,063</u>	<u>9,723,423</u>
Total all expenses	<u>\$ 63,306,260</u>	<u>\$ 64,603,621</u>	<u>\$ 64,366,635</u>	<u>\$ 69,087,863</u>	<u>\$ 71,966,673</u>

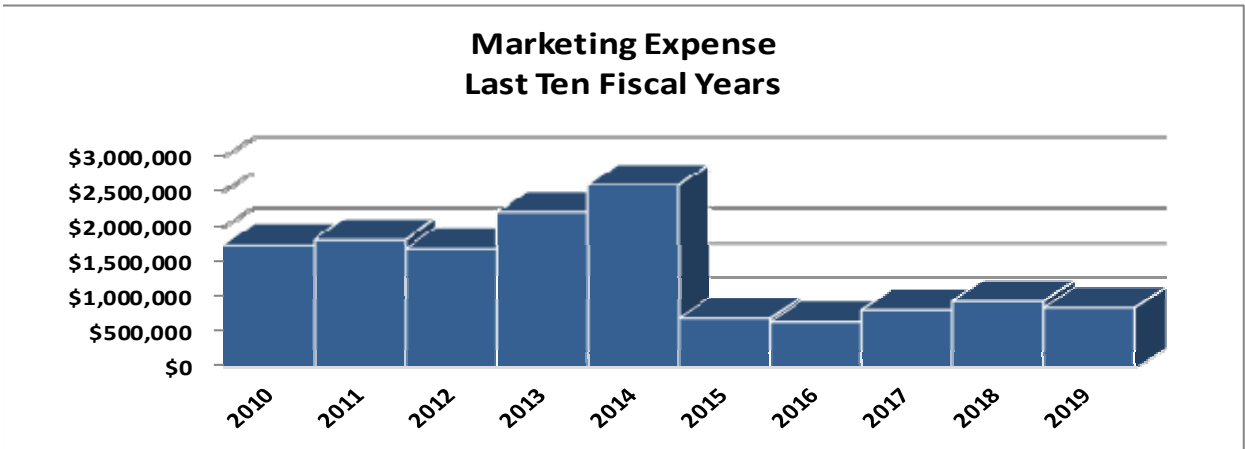
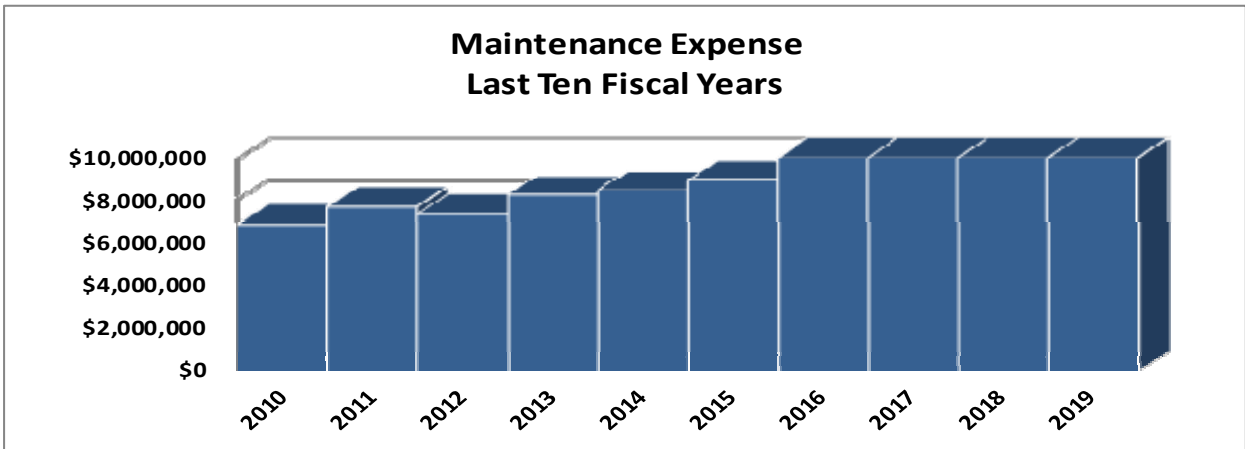
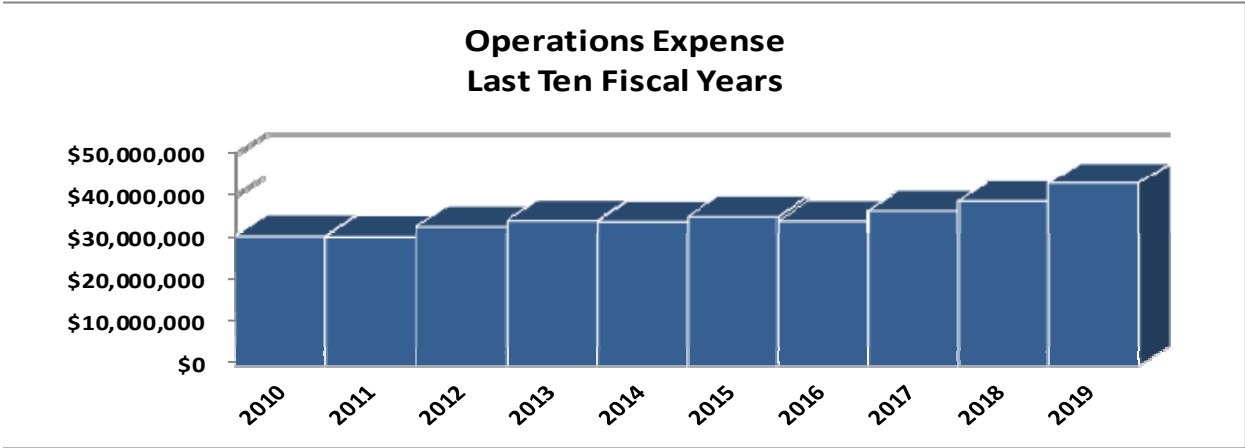
	Fiscal Year				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Operating expenses:					
Operations	\$ 34,879,734	\$ 33,815,879	\$ 36,266,463 (1)	38,570,917	42,873,233
Purchased Transportation	7,444,573	7,738,429	9,637,695	11,627,971	12,123,292
Maintenance	8,902,528	10,178,517	11,536,994 (1)	11,510,788	12,203,763
Administration and finance	11,465,894	12,192,055	12,921,156 (1)	13,898,829	16,682,258
Marketing	708,839	657,700	819,842 (1)	943,235	852,508
	<u>63,401,568</u>	<u>64,582,580</u>	<u>71,182,150</u>	<u>76,551,740</u>	<u>84,735,054</u>
Total operating expenses, before depreciation					
Depreciation	<u>10,436,619</u>	<u>10,249,547</u>	<u>9,976,763</u>	<u>8,372,047</u>	<u>8,984,115</u>
Total all expenses	<u>\$ 73,838,187</u>	<u>\$ 74,832,127</u>	<u>\$ 81,158,913</u>	<u>\$ 84,923,787</u>	<u>\$ 93,719,169</u>

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**Expenses by Function/Program
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Years 2010 – 2019

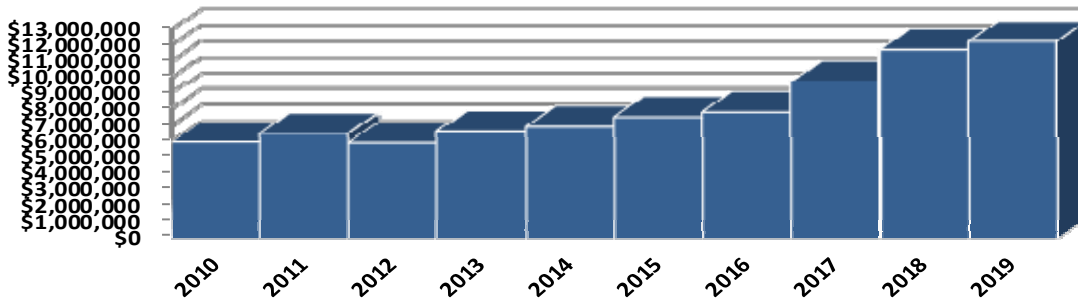


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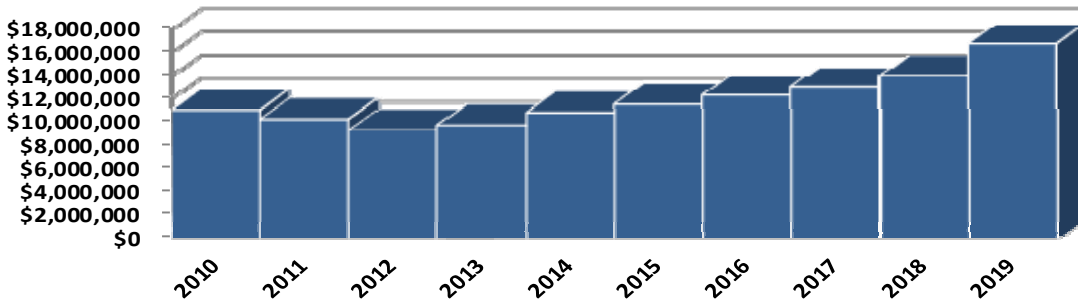
**Expenses by Function/Program
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Years 2010 – 2019

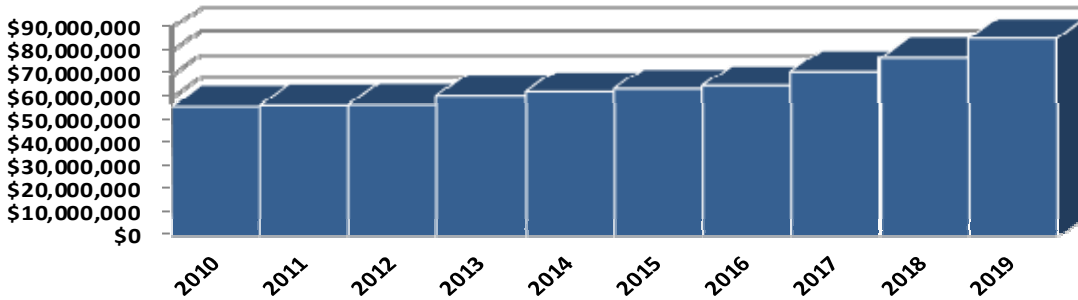
**Purchased Transportation Expense
Last Ten Fiscal Years**



**Administration and Finance Expense
Last Ten Fiscal Years**



**Total Operating Expenses Before Depreciation
Last Ten Fiscal Years**



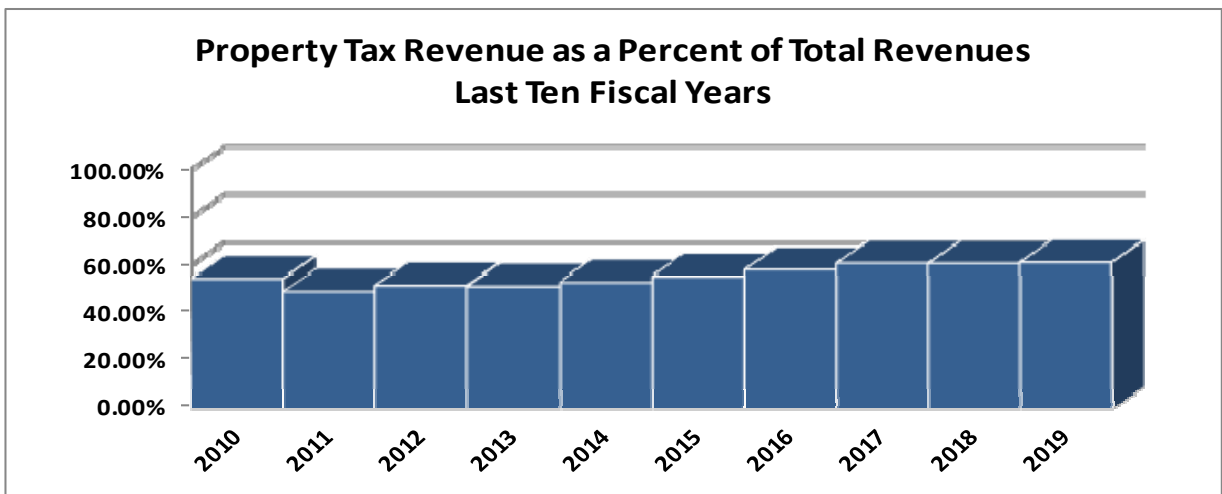
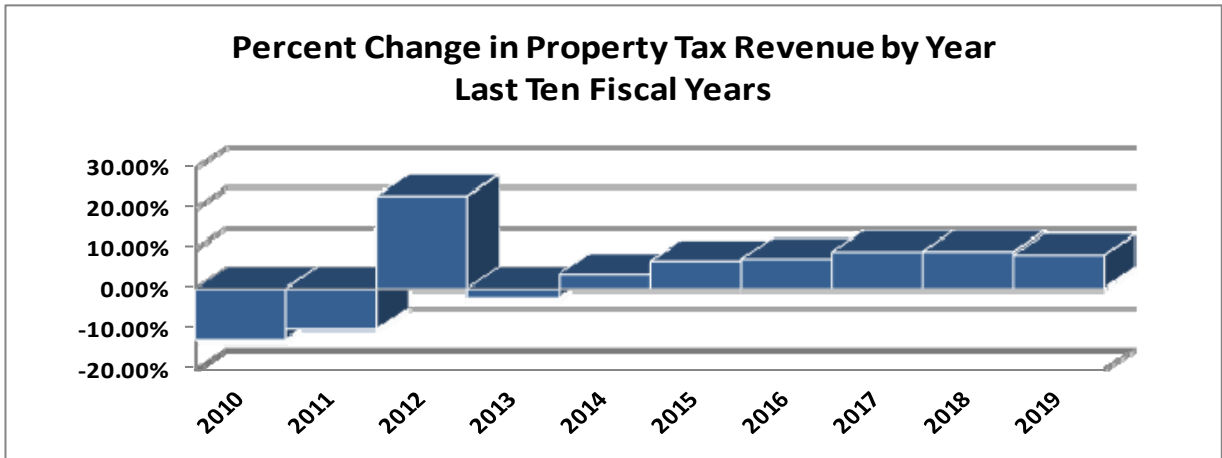
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**Property Tax Revenue by Year
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Years 2010 – 2019

Fiscal Year	Property Tax Dollars	Percent Change	Total Revenues *	Percent of Total	Millage Rate
2010	29,893,863	-12.48%	55,347,783	54.01%	0.5601
2011	26,868,560	-10.12%	55,264,284	48.62%	0.5601
2012	33,009,275	22.85%	64,524,242	51.16%	0.7305
2013	32,282,955	-2.20%	63,596,292	50.76%	0.7305
2014	33,365,462	3.35%	63,624,830	52.44%	0.7305
2015	35,592,336	6.67%	64,768,651	54.95%	0.7305
2016	38,166,312	7.23%	66,579,624	57.32%	0.7305
2017	41,607,265	9.02%	69,387,428	59.96%	0.7500
2018	45,389,030	9.09%	75,793,804	59.88%	0.7500
2019	49,113,559	8.21%	81,402,401	60.33%	0.7500

* excludes capital grants and contributed capital.



Note: The statistical section contains "Unaudited" data.

**STATISTICAL SECTION
(UNAUDITED)**

Revenue Capacity

- Taxable Assessed Value and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property (FY 2010 – FY 2019)
- Direct and Overlapping Property Tax Rates (FY 2010 – FY 2019)
- Principal Property Taxpayers (FY 2010 – FY 2019)
- Property Tax Levies and Collections (FY 2010 – FY 2019)
- Farebox Recovery Percentage (FY 2010 – FY 2019)

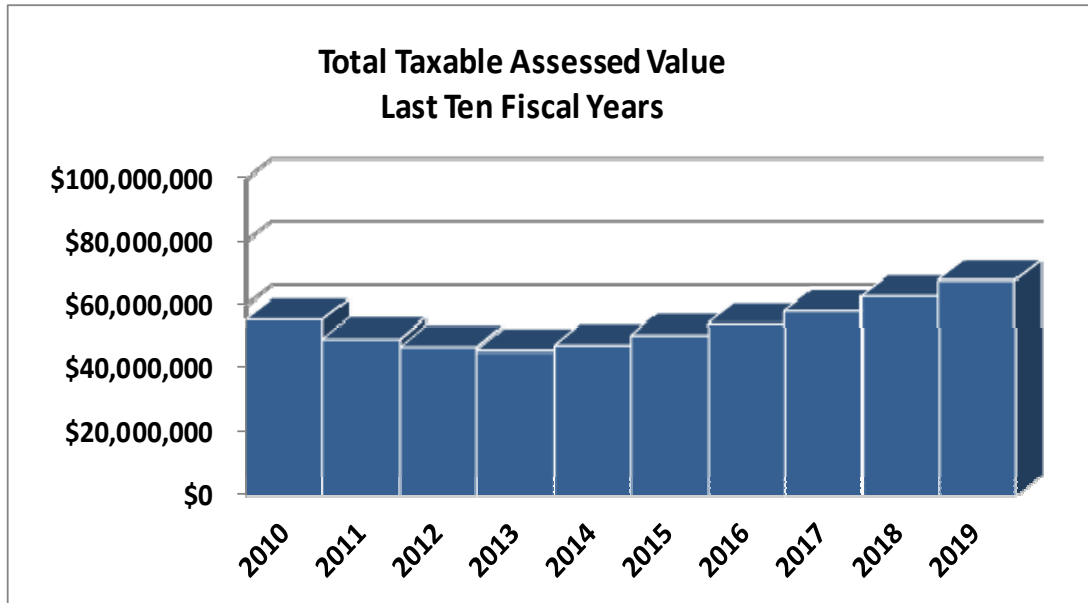
**Taxable Assessed Value and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Dollars in Thousands)**

Fiscal Years 2010 - 2019

Fiscal Year	Estimated Actual Value (a)			Total Taxable Assessed Value	Total Direct Tax Rate (d)
	Real Property	Centrally Assessed Property (b)	Exemptions (c)		
2010	\$ 82,584,246	\$ 5,928	\$ 27,504,794	\$ 55,085,380	0.5601
2011	71,085,388	5,421	21,948,052	49,142,757	0.5601
2012	67,013,602	6,100	20,353,324	46,666,378	0.7305
2013	64,892,654	6,150	19,197,776	45,701,028	0.7305
2014	67,950,230	6,263	20,785,617	47,170,876	0.7305
2015	75,375,232	6,506	25,059,878	50,321,860	0.7305
2016	82,866,812	6,957	29,015,580	53,858,189	0.7305
2017	75,953,105	7,171	17,975,184	57,977,920	0.7500
2018	97,076,057	6,603	18,426,193	62,614,865	0.7500
2019	105,263,104	6,365	19,023,798	67,812,395	0.7500

**Taxable Assessed Value and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property,
Continued
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Dollars in Thousands)**

Fiscal Years 2010 - 2019



Source: Pinellas County Property Appraiser's Forms DR-403CC, DR-403V, DR-403AM and DR-403AC.

(a) Section 192.001(2), Florida Statutes, defines assessed value of property as "an annual determination of the just or fair market of item or property..." Therefore, grossed assessed value is "Estimated Actual Value." Assessed value is estimated and adjusted annually with a physical inspection every third year.

(b) Centrally assessed property is property that is assessed by the State of Florida rather than by the Property Appraiser since the property is located in more than one county. Real Property only included.

(c) Exemptions are provided for agricultural, government, institutional and historic preservation property. Exemptions available solely to residential property include, but are not limited to, widows/widowers, disabled/blind, \$50,000 homestead and homestead differential (capped).

(d) Total Direct Rate is the average of the direct rates levied (taxes levied to total taxable value). PSTA levies taxes only on real property within the PSTA's geographic area.

Note: The statistical section contains "Unaudited" data.

Direct and Overlapping Property Tax Rates (a)
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(In Mills, Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value)

Fiscal Years 2010 - 2019

Fiscal Year	Direct Rates			Overlapping Rates (b)				Municipalities	
	Basic Rate	Total Direct Rate	PSTA Maximum Allowed Rate	County Board Rate	School Board Rate	Emergency Medical Service	Others District Rate (c)	Lowest	Highest
2010	0.5601	0.5601	0.7500	4.8730	8.3460	0.5832	1.5106	0.7511	5.9125
2011	0.5601	0.5601	0.7500	4.8730	8.3400	0.5832	1.4410	0.7511	5.9125
2012	0.7305	0.7305	0.7500	4.8730	8.3850	0.8506	1.2390	0.7511	5.9125
2013	0.7305	0.7305	0.7500	5.0727	8.3020	0.9158	1.3034	0.7511	6.7742
2014	0.7305	0.7305	0.7500	5.2755	8.0600	0.9158	1.2959	0.7511	6.7700
2015	0.7305	0.7305	0.7500	5.2755	7.8410	0.9158	1.2799	0.7511	6.7700
2016	0.7305	0.7305	0.7500	5.2755	7.7700	0.9158	1.2629	0.7283	6.7700
2017	0.7500	0.7500	0.7500	5.3377	7.3180	0.9158	1.2448	0.7294	6.7550
2018	0.7500	0.7500	0.7500	5.2755	7.0090	0.9158	1.2262	0.6594	6.7550
2019	0.7500	0.7500	0.7500	5.2755	6.7270	0.9158	1.2015	0.6737	6.7550

Source: Pinellas County Tax Collector

(a) Direct rates support the ad valorem revenue base recognized by PSTA.

(b) Overlapping rates are those rates levied by other local governments who overlap PSTA's geographic area.

(c) Other Districts includes Pinellas County Planning Council 0.015; Juvenile Welfare Board 0.8981; SW Florida Water Management District 0.2955.

Note: The statistical section contains "Unaudited" data.

Principal Property Tax Payers
Fiscal Year 2019 and Nine Years Ago

Taxpayer	Business	2019		2010	
		Taxable Assessed Value	Percentage of Total PSTA Taxable Assessed Value	Taxable Assessed Value	Percentage of Total PSTA Taxable Assessed Value
Bellwether Properties, Inc.	Real Estate	\$ 164,730,000	0.24%	\$ 122,905,000	0.22%
Publix Super Markets, Inc.	Grocery	135,644,063	0.20%	113,261,000	0.21%
Wal-Mart Stores East, LP	Retail Stores	114,409,389	0.17%	71,608,000	0.13%
De Bartolo Capital PTNSHP	Retail Mall	104,000,000	0.15%	118,800,000	0.22%
B W C W Hospitality LLC	Hospitality	96,545,307	0.14%		
Duke Energy Florida Inc.	Electric Utility	96,502,766	0.14%	813,850,000	1.48%
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.	Financial Services	91,023,791	0.13%	143,354,000	0.26%
K & P Clearwater Estate LLC	Real Estate	84,559,948	0.12%		
Beacon430 G E N1814 LLC	Real Estate	74,900,000	0.11%		
Camden USA Inc	Real Estate	74,859,950	0.11%		
Verizon Florida Inc.	Phone Utility			345,517,000	0.63%
Bright House Networks LLC	Communications			151,932,000	0.28%
Val-Pak Direct Marketing	Mail Marketing			106,268,000	0.19%
The Nielsen Company (US) Inc.	Media Information			91,532,000	0.17%
		<u>\$ 1,037,175,214</u>	1.53%	<u>\$ 2,079,027,000</u>	3.77%
Total Taxable Assessed Value		<u>\$ 67,854,200,521</u>		<u>\$ 55,085,380,483</u>	

Source: Pinellas County Property Appraiser

Methodology: Top ten taxpayers identified for Real Property only.

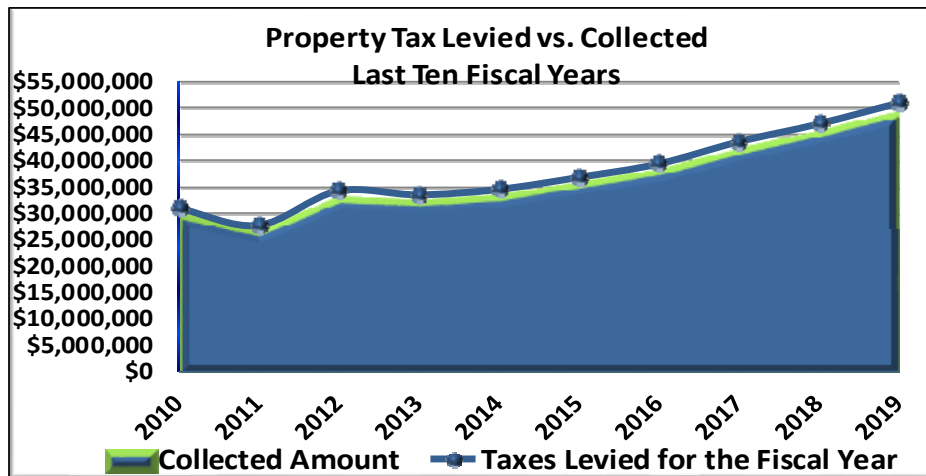
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Property Tax Levies and Collections

Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Years 2010 - 2019

Fiscal Year	Taxes Levied for the Fiscal Year (b)	Collected Within the Fiscal Year of Levy (a)		Collections Subsequent Years (c)	Total Collections to Date	
		Collected Amount	Percentage of Levy		Amount	Percentage of Levy
2010	30,966,619	29,835,206	96.35%	285,698	30,120,904	97.27%
2011	27,609,711	26,582,862	96.28%	84,751	26,667,613	96.59%
2012	34,182,509	32,924,524	96.32%	64,634	32,989,158	96.51%
2013	33,455,349	32,218,321	96.30%	52,495	32,270,816	96.46%
2014	34,458,263	33,312,967	96.68%	33,011	33,345,978	96.77%
2015	36,760,049	35,559,325	96.73%	88,692	35,648,017	96.97%
2016	39,343,407	38,077,620	96.78%	148,565	38,226,184	97.16%
2017	43,549,763	41,954,890	96.34%	84,224	42,039,114	96.53%
2018	46,961,234	45,304,807	96.47%	41,325	45,346,132	96.56%
2019	50,950,610	49,072,233	96.31%	-	49,072,233	96.31%



Source: Pinellas County Tax Collector's Form DR-502.

(a) Section 197.162, Florida Statutes, provide a 1% per month discount up to 4% for payments between November and February. Taxes collected after July 1st are categorized as delinquent.

(b) This is the revenue to be generated based on PSTA's direct rates; see page 79.

(c) All delinquent tax collections received during the year are applied to Collections Amount the year prior to collection, regardless of the year in which the taxes were originally levied. Therefore this may result in the Percentage of Levy in Total Collections to be greater than 100%.

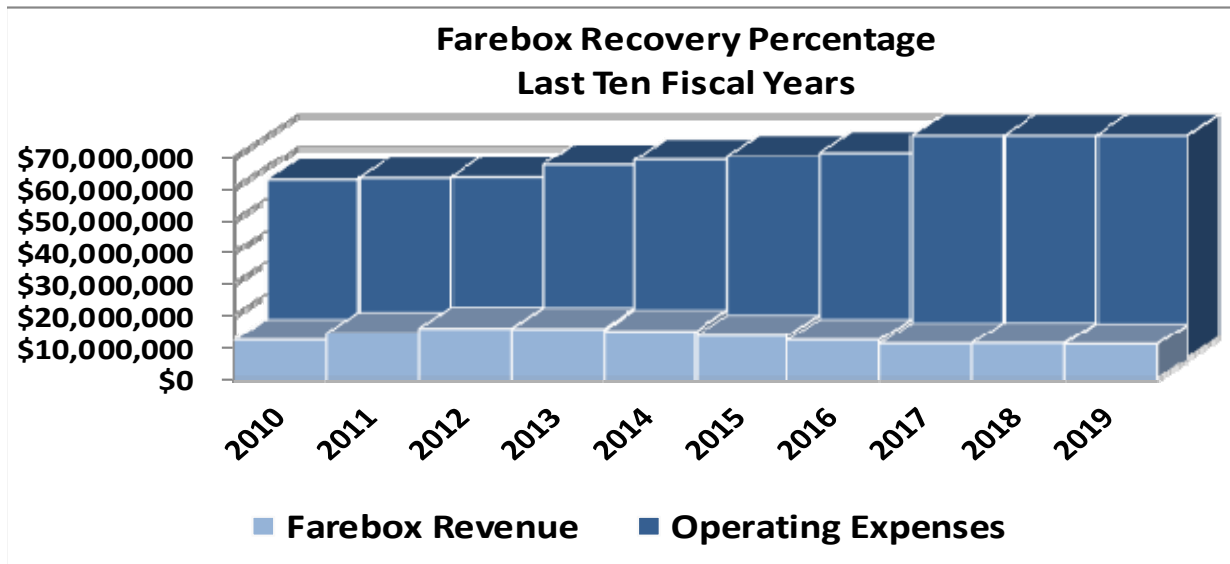
Delinquent taxes by levy year are not available.

Note: The statistical section contains "Unaudited" data.

**Farebox Recovery Percentage
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Years 2010 – 2019

Fiscal Year	Farebox Revenue	Percent Change	Operating Expenses (a)	Percent Change	Farebox Recovery
2010	12,004,949	-3.70%	55,940,035	-0.92%	21.46%
2011	14,216,452	18.42%	56,447,358	0.91%	25.19%
2012	15,776,093	10.97%	56,671,829	0.40%	27.84%
2013	15,615,184	-1.02%	60,600,800	6.93%	25.77%
2014	14,912,783	-4.50%	62,243,250	2.71%	23.96%
2015	13,338,796	-10.55%	63,401,568	1.86%	21.04%
2016	11,989,862	-10.11%	64,582,580	1.86%	18.57%
2017	10,838,756	-9.60%	71,819,275	11.21%	15.09%
2018	10,974,717	1.25%	76,551,740	6.59%	14.34%
2019	10,663,635	-2.83%	84,735,054	10.69%	12.58%



(a) Excludes depreciation.

Note: The statistical section contains "Unaudited" data.

**STATISTICAL SECTION
(UNAUDITED)**

Demographic and Economic Information

- Demographic and Economic Statistics (FY 2010 – FY 2019)
- Principal Employers (FY 2010 and FY 2019)

**Demographics, Population and Economic Statistics
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Years 2010 - 2019

Fiscal Year	Population (a)	Personal Income (dollars in thousands) (b)	Per Capita Personal Income (b)	School Enrollment (c)	Unemployment Rate (d)
2019	977,060	N/A (e)	N/A (e)	N/A (e)	2.7%
2018	970,532	52,133,419	53,455	101,427	3.0%
2017	962,003	49,143,218	50,630	102,181	3.1%
2016	954,569	47,254,865	49,186	103,242	4.4%
2015	944,971	45,336,665	47,731	103,779	4.7%
2014	933,258	43,082,259	45,925	104,104	6.2%
2013	926,610	42,340,365	45,574	102,672	6.7%
2012	915,680	43,784,138	47,523	122,012	8.5%
2011	918,496	41,677,239	45,428	136,396	10.3%
2010	927,994	39,598,328	43,211	130,396	11.5%

(a) Source: Bureau of Economic & Business Research, University of Florida (2010-2019). Data available at State of Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research.

(b) Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce (2010-2019).

(c) Source: The School Board of Pinellas County.

(d) Source: U.S. Department of Labor, September annually (not seasonally adjusted).

(e) Information not available.

Note: The statistical section contains "Unaudited" data.

**Principal Employers
Current Year and Nine Years Ago**

Employer	2019 (a)			2010 (a)		
	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment
The Pinellas County School Board	15,200	1	3.19%	14,480	1	3.68%
Publix Super Markets, Inc.	5,500	2	1.15%			
Walmart	5,200	3	1.09%			
Raymond James Financial Inc.	4,400	4	0.92%	3,200	4	0.81%
U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs	4,300	5	0.90%	3,417	2	0.87%
HSN Inc.	4,000	6	0.84%			
John Hopkins All Children's Hospital	3,640	7	0.76%	2,300	8	0.58%
City of St. Petersburg	3,026	8	0.63%	3,361	3	0.85%
St. Petersburg College	2,895	9	0.61%			
Pinellas County Sherriff Office	2,362	10	0.50%	2,714	6	
Pinellas County Government				2,786	5	0.71%
Bayfront Medical Center				2,500	7	0.63%
Tech Data Corp				2,500	7	0.63%
St. Petersburg College				2,063	9	0.52%
Total County Employment	476,541			393,749		

(a) Source: Florida Research and Economic Database and Pinellas County Department of Economic Development

Note: The statistical section contains "Unaudited" data.

**Bus Service Effort and Accomplishments
Per Mile
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Years 2010- 2019

**STATISTICAL SECTION
(UNAUDITED)**

Operating Information

- Bus Service Effort and Accomplishments Per Mile (FY 2010 – FY 2019)
- Bus Service Effort and Accomplishments Per Hour (FY 2010 – FY 2019)
- Unlinked Passenger Changes (FY 2010 – FY 2019)
- Vehicles Operated at Maximum Service (FY 2010 – FY 2019)
- Number of Employees (FY 2010 – FY 2019)
- Miscellaneous Statistical Data (FY 2010 – FY 2019)

**Bus Service Effort and Accomplishments
Per Mile
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Years 2010- 2019

Fiscal Year		Revenue Vehicle Miles (a)	Percent of Change	Operating Expense (b) Per Revenue Mile	Operating Expense (b) Per Passenger Mile	Unlinked Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile (c)
2010		9,000,501	2.72%	\$ 5.59	\$ 0.76	1.42
2011		8,796,952	-2.26%	5.76	0.71	1.45
2012		8,877,809	0.92%	5.78	0.72	1.54
2013		9,073,836	2.21%	6.21	0.78	1.56
2014		9,176,346	1.13%	6.23	0.83	1.55
2015		9,339,357	1.78%	6.17	0.85	1.56
2016	(d)	9,064,475	-2.94%	6.25	0.96	1.39
2017		8,635,597	-4.73%	6.95	1.08	1.32
2018	(e)	9,140,825	5.85%	7.33	1.23	1.22
2019		9,253,744	1.24%	7.23	1.09	1.26
Source: PSTA						
All bus data includes directly operated and purchased bus service.						
(a) Does not include demand response.						
(b) Operating expense excludes depreciation.						
(c) Unlinked passenger figures count passengers each time that person boards a transit vehicle from the initial point of origin until he or she reaches a final destination.						
(d) National Transportation Database revised reporting policy on two purchased bus service routes.						
(e) Data revised.						
N/A - Information not available.						
Note: The statistical section contains "Unaudited" data.						

**Bus Service Effort and Accomplishments
Per Hour
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Years 2010 - 2019

Fiscal Year	Revenue Vehicle Hours (a)	Percent of Change	Operating Expense (b) Per Revenue Hour	Operating Expense (b) Per Passenger Trip	Unlinked Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour (c)
2010	628,430	2.75%	80.11	3.93	20.39
2011	614,318	-2.25%	82.45	3.96	20.83
2012	620,760	1.05%	82.65	3.74	22.09
2013	636,039	2.46%	85.83	3.86	22.25
2014	641,039	0.79%	89.20	4.03	22.13
2015	651,199	1.58%	88.50	3.95	22.39
2016	(d) 627,579	-3.63%	90.25	4.48	14.44
2017	630,734	0.50%	96.74	5.26	18.38
2018	(e) 675,662	7.12%	99.18	5.99	16.56
2019	703,927	4.18%	96.22	5.81	16.57
Source: PSTA					
All bus data includes directly operated and purchased bus service.					
(a) Does not include demand response.					
(b) Operating expense excludes depreciation.					
(c) Unlinked Passenger figures count passengers each time that person boards a transit vehicle from the initial point of origin until he or she reaches a final destination.					
(d) National Transportation Database revised reporting policy on two purchased bus service routes.					
(e) Data revised.					
N/A - Information not available.					
Note: The statistical section contains "Unaudited" data.					

**Unlinked Passenger Changes
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Years 2010 - 2019

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Bus (a)</u>	<u>Percent of Change</u>
2010	12,811,835	7.18%
2011	12,798,221	-0.11%
2012	13,713,027	7.15%
2013	14,150,506	3.19%
2014	14,183,941	0.24%
2015	14,578,287	2.78%
2016	12,635,319 (c)	-13.33%
2017	11,591,012 (b)	-8.26%
2018	11,521,351 (b)	-0.60%
2019	11,663,314	1.23%

Source: PSTA

All bus data includes directly operated and purchased bus service.

(a) Unlinked passenger figures count passengers each time that person boards a transit vehicle from the initial point of origin until he or she reaches a final destination.

(b) Data revised.

(c) National Transportation Database revised reporting policy on two purchased bus service routes.

Note: The statistical section contains "Unaudited" data.

**Vehicles Operated in Maximum Service
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Years 2010 - 2019

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Bus (a)</u>		<u>Percent of Change</u>
2010	167		-2.91%
2011	170		1.80%
2012	170		0.00%
2013	162	(b)	-4.71%
2014	167	(b)	3.09%
2015	167	(b)	0.00%
2016	164	(b)	-1.80%
2017	164	(b)	0.00%
2018	193	(b)	17.68%
2019	190		-1.55%

Source: PSTA

(a) Includes only buses in directly operated bus service.

(b) Data revised.

Note: The statistical section contains "Unaudited" data.

**Number of Employees
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Years 2010 - 2019

Fiscal Year		Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Percent of Change
2010		576	0	576	-1.37%
2011		559	0	559	-2.95%
2012		556	0	556	-0.54%
2013		574	17	591	6.29%
2014		589	6	595	0.68%
2015		607	1	608	2.18%
2016		603	2	605	-0.49%
2017		606	2	608	0.50%
2018	(a)	608	2	610	0.33%
2019		618	3	621	1.80%
Source: PSTA					
(a) Data revised.					
Note: Budgeted authorized positions.					
Note: The statistical section contains "Unaudited" data.					

**Miscellaneous Statistical Data
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Years 2010 - 2019

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Population served by Bus	871,480	922,616	922,616	922,616	933,258	944,971	954,569	962,003	970,532	978,025
Size of land area served by Bus (in square miles)	238	243	243	243	243	243	243	243	243	243
Number of Bus Routes	38	37	37	40	40	40	38	40	40	40
Annual PSTA Bus Passenger Miles (in millions) (Excludes Demand Response)	66,145	71,534	67,977	67,078	65,266	67,813	64,047	55,773	54,491	61,880
Miles of Bus Route - Directional Miles	892.1	898.8	907.2	907.2	885.18	929.1	1,016.3	893.0	862.0	862.6
Average Annual On Time Performance Percentage	91.2	90.5	90.4	82.3	83.4	80.5	78.6	64.8	65.2	69.2
Number of Bus Stop Locations	5,172	5,159	5,105	5,141	5,157	4,929	4,906	4,752	4,752	4,665
Number of Bus Park and Ride Facilities	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Number of Transit Centers	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4
Number of Transfer Hubs	N/A	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Number of Passenger Shelters	712	742	707	707	707	682	531	530	530	537
No. of Buses in Active Fleet	191	191	186	194	199	210	210	210	210	210
Average Vehicle Age (in years)	4.40	5.40	6.40	7.40	6.00	7.39	8.25	8.80	8.80	8.80
Investment in Property and Equipment (in thousands)	\$88,539	\$78,170	\$76,412	\$86,157	\$79,199	\$83,810	\$76,019	\$79,754	\$76,316	\$88,345

Source: PSTA

N/A : Information not available.

Note: The statistical section contains "Unaudited" data.

SECTION V
REGULATORY SECTION



**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***

Board of Directors
Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
St. Petersburg, Florida

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 business-type activities of Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority or PSTA (the Authority), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 15, 2020.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Pinellas Suncoast Transit 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 Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Pinellas Suncoast Transit 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. 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 Pinellas Suncoast Transit 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 entity'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.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Tampa, Florida
May 15, 2020



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR
FEDERAL PROGRAM AND STATE PROJECT AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND CHAPTER 10.550,
RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

Board of Directors
Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
St. Petersburg, Florida

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and State Project

We have audited Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's or PSTA (the Authority) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Compliance Supplement and the requirements described in the Florida Department of Financial Services State Projects Compliance Supplement, that could have a direct and material effect on each of Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's major federal programs and state projects for the year ended September 30, 2019. Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's major federal programs and state projects are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's major federal programs and state projects based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General for Local Governmental Entity Audits. Those standards the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550 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 or state project occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Pinellas Suncoast Transit 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 each major federal program and state project. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program and State Project

In our opinion, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs and state projects for the year ended September 30, 2019.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance, which is required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General for Local Governmental Entity Audits and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2019-001. Our opinion on each major federal program and state project is not modified with respect to this matter.

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's response to the noncompliance finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Pinellas Suncoast Transit 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 Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program and state project 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 state project and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, 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 Pinellas Suncoast Transit 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 or state project on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a 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 or state project 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 or state project that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over

compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we did identify a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2019-001 that we consider to be significant deficiency.

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Tampa, Florida
May 15, 2020

**PINELLAS SUNCOAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

Section I – Summary of Auditors’ Results

Financial Statements

1. Type of auditors’ report issued: Unmodified
2. Internal control over financial reporting:
- Material weakness(es) identified? _____ yes x no
 - Significant deficiency(ies) identified? _____ yes x none reported
3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? _____ yes x no

Federal Awards

1. Internal control over major federal programs:
- Material weakness(es) identified? _____ yes x no
 - Significant deficiency(ies) identified? _____ yes x none reported
2. Type of auditors’ report issued on compliance for major federal programs: Unmodified
3. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? _____ yes x no

Identification of Major Federal Programs

CFDA Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
20.500, 20.507, 20.525, and 20.526	Federal Transit Cluster

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? x yes _____ no

**PINELLAS SUNCOAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)
SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

Section I – Summary of Auditors’ Results (Continued)

State Financial Assistance

1. Internal control over state projects:

- Material weakness(es) identified? _____ yes x no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)? x yes _____ none reported

2. Type of auditors’ report issued on compliance for state projects: Unmodified

3. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with state requirements? x yes _____ no

Identification of Major State Projects

CSFA Number(s)	Name of State Project
55.001	Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) Trip and Equipment Grant Program
55.010	Public Transit Block Grant Program

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B state projects: \$ 303,203

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

Our audit did not disclose any matters required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Section III – Findings and Questioned Costs – Major Federal Programs

Our audit did not disclose any matters required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a).

**PINELLAS SUNCOAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)
SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

Section IV– Findings and Questioned Costs – Major State Projects

2019 – 001-Allowable Costs & Period of Availability for Unit Based Ridership

State agency: Florida Department of Transportation

State program title: Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) Trip and Equipment Program

CSFA Number: 55.001

Grant Award Number(s): G0X56 and G1A57

Award Period: 7/1/2018-06/30/2019 and 7/1/2019-06/30/2020

Type of Finding:

- Significant Deficiency in Internal Control over Compliance
- Other Matters

Criteria or specific requirement: Per Florida Statutes Chapter 427.0155 (7), F.A.C. 41-2.006 (4)(j), the CTC, in cooperation with the coordinating board and pursuant to criteria developed by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (FCTD), must establish eligibility guidelines with regard to the recipients of non-sponsored transportation disadvantaged services that are purchased with Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund moneys. The Program Manual states that the two areas for which grant funds may be utilized include Non-sponsored trips and capital equipment. A Non-sponsored trip is a one-way trip for an eligible individual who meets the definition of transportation disadvantaged and is not sponsored by any other federal, state, or local government program. Per the contract agreements, there should be an approved eligibility application before a rider receives a non-sponsored service. In addition, documentation which supports the eligibility determination shall be maintained by the recipient as part of the rider's eligibility file.

Condition: The following allowable costs and period of availability deficiencies were noted:

Number of Instances	Finding	Dollar Impact
1	The supporting documentation was missing for the eligibility criteria of: (1) Living in Pinellas County, (2) Not being able to get a ride from household members or others for life-sustaining trips, medical, grocery, work, job-related; or (3) Having household income which did not exceed 150 percent of poverty level	\$20
11	The application support on file is for a period after the date selected for testing and the previous application support is no longer maintained.	\$367

Questioned costs: \$387

Context: There were sixty rides totaling \$3,201 reviewed in our statistically valid sample. The files contained the errors as noted in the above table. The auditors noted that of the sixty rides tested, seven of these were in the months of August or September 2019 and did not have errors which supports PSTA's corrective action implemented late in the fiscal year was impactful.

**PINELLAS SUNCOAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)
SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

Section IV– Findings and Questioned Costs – Major State Projects (Continued)

2019 – 001-Allowable Costs & Period of Availability for Unit Based Ridership-Continued

Cause: The Authority did not follow their document retention policy which had been updated as a result of the prior year audit. After the prior year audit, PSTA was already late into the current fiscal year. PSTA engaged in a comprehensive process to completely update the method for ensuring application and eligibility documentation compliance with CTD, State and federal requirements. Measures included conversion of the file retention system from paper to digital, increasing operator monitoring from annual to quarterly, having more than one staff person involved with the process for each TD application, and revising the transportation disadvantaged service plan definition of transportation disadvantaged to more closely align with current service operations. Due to the timing of these changes retroactive correction was not 100% complete at the time of this audit.

Effect: Noncompliance with grant agreement and Florida Statutes Chapter 427.0155(7). The potential exists that riders are receiving benefits that do not meet the eligibility requirements.

Repeat Finding: Yes, 2018-003

Recommendation: We recommend management ensure all supporting documentation of eligibility determination is maintained for internal control purposes, grantor inspections and other audits.

Views of responsible officials: There is no disagreement with the audit finding and a formal corrective action plan was provided based on implemented changes noted above.

**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
and State Financial Assistance**

Year Ended September 30, 2019

Federal or State Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program title	CFDA# / CSFA#	Grant or Contract Number	State FPN Number	Expenditures	Passed through to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Transportation:					
<i>Direct Program:</i>					
Federal Transit Capital Investments Grant	20.500	FL 04-0135	-	\$ 84,460	\$ -
Total CFDA 20.500				84,460	
Federal Transit Formula Grant	20.507	FL 90-0723	-	103,503	-
Federal Transit Formula Grant	20.507	FL 90-0758	-	457,721	-
Federal Transit Formula Grant	20.507	FL 90-0841	-	246,039	-
Federal Transit Formula Grant	20.507	FL 90-0873	-	471,669	-
Federal Transit Formula Grant	20.507	FL 2017-024	-	1,937,736	-
Federal Transit Formula Grant	20.507	FL 2017-047	-	79,475	-
Federal Transit Formula Grant	20.507	FL 2017-109	-	5,815,044	-
Federal Transit Formula Grant	20.507	FL 2018-080	-	7,323,917	-
Federal Transit Formula Grant	20.507	FL2019-015	-	290,160	290,160
Federal Transit Formula Grant	20.507	FL2019-085	-	17,360	-
Total CFDA 20.507				16,742,624	290,160
Federal Transit Formula Grant	20.525	FL 2018-080	-	7,276	-
Total CFDA 20.525				7,276	-
Federal Transit Formula Grant	20.526	FL 2017-015	-	4,129,326	-
Federal Transit Formula Grant	20.526	FL 2018-080	-	1,789,844	-
Total CFDA 20.526				5,919,170	-
Total Federal Transit Cluster				22,753,530	290,160
Federal Transit Emergency Relief	20.527	FL 2019-006	-	79,427	-
Total CFDA 20.527				79,427	-
Federal Transit Public Transportation Research	20.514	FL 2017-031	-	254,677	-
Total CFDA 20.514				254,677	-
<i>Passed through the Florida Department of Transportation:</i>					
<i>Mobility Manager Program:</i>					
Section 5310 Program	20.513	GOT40	440952-1-94-02	35,954	-
<i>Mobility Manager Program:</i>					
Section 5310 Program	20.513	G1401	440952-1-94-03	30,631	-
Rte. 813 (Dunedin/Palm Harbor Connector)					
Section 5310 Program	20.513	GOT36	437521-1-84-04	112,830	-
Rte. 813 (Dunedin/Palm Harbor Connector)					
Section 5310 Program	20.513	G1400	437521-1-84-05	207,660	-
Wheelchair Ramp Replacement - Capital Assistance Program					
Section 5310 Program	20.513	FL-2018-061-00	435210-7-93-15	270,000	-
Replacement Buses - Capital Assistance Program					
Section 5310 Program	20.513	N/A	N/A	37,881	-
Total Transit Services Program Cluster				694,955	-
<i>Passed through Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization:</i>					
Section 5305(d) Planning Grant	20.505	-	-	80,000	-
Total U.S. Department of Transportation				23,862,589	290,160
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards				\$ 23,862,589	\$ 290,160

**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
and State Financial Assistance**

Year Ended September 30, 2019

Federal or State Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program title	CFDA# / CSFA#	Grant or Contract Number	State FPN Number	Expenditures	Passed through to Subrecipients
Florida Department of Transportation					
<i>Direct Program:</i>					
Block Grant Program	55.010	G0Z56	402513-1-84-19	\$ 4,322,748	\$ -
Total CSFA 55.010				4,322,748	-
Service Development Program	55.012	G0587	436703-1-84-01	345,753	-
Public Transit Service Development Program	55.012	G0Z47	441989-1-84-19	314,149	-
Total CSFA 55.012				659,901	-
Transit Corridor Program (North County - Curlew Road)	55.013	G0Z45	430320-1-84-19	222,408	-
Transit Corridor Program (Route 100X)	55.013	G0Z42	410695-1-84-19	166,508	-
Transit Corridor Program (Route 100X Extension)	55.013	G0W59	430319-1-84-18	153,297	-
Transit Corridor Program (Route 100X Extension)	55.013	G0Z44	430319-1-84-19	245,529	-
Transit Corridor Program (Route 100X Extension)	55.013	G1C21	430319-1-84-20	33,764	-
Transit Corridor Program (Route 300X)	55.013	G0Z43	418265-1-84-19	176,508	-
Total CSFA 55.013				998,014	-
Total Florida Department of Transportation				5,980,663	-
State of Florida, Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged					
<i>Direct Program:</i>					
Trips & Equipment FY 2018/2019	55.001	G0X56	43202718401 / 43202818401	2,883,375	-
Trips & Equipment FY 2019/2020	55.001	G1A57	43202718401 / 43202818401	908,572	-
Mobility Enhancement Grant FY 18/19	55.001	G0D22	439396-1-84-01	303,612	-
Local Program Administrative Support	55.001	G0Y36	432027-1-18-84-01	30,554	30,554
Total CSFA 55.001				4,126,113	30,554
Total Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged				4,126,113	30,554
Total Expenditures of Florida State Financial Assistance				\$ 10,106,776	\$ 30,554
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance				\$ 33,969,365	\$ 320,714.19

See Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance.

**Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
and State Financial Assistance**

Year Ended September 30, 2019

(1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance includes all federal and state grant activity of the Authority and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of 2 CFR 200 Uniform Guidance, and Chapter 10.550 of the *Rules of the Auditor General*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

(2) Capital Assets

Approximately \$16.3 million in capital assets was purchased using federal grant awards during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. These amounts have been capitalized for financial statement purposes and reflected as Capital Assets on the Statement of Net Position.

(3) Subrecipients

There was \$290,160 transferred to a subrecipient relating to FTA Urbanized Area Formula (UAFP) Program (5307) and \$30,554 transferred to a subrecipient relating to Local Program Administrative Support within the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged grant for the year ending September 30, 2019.

(4) Indirect Cost Rate

The Authority has not elected to use the 10% de minimus cost rate.



MANAGEMENT LETTER

Board of Directors
Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
St. Petersburg, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (the Authority) as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated May 15, 2020.

Auditors' Responsibility

We conducted our audit 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; the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance); and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and State Project and Report on Internal Control over Compliance; Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs; and Independent Accountants' Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated May 15, 2020, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. Corrective action has been taken to address the finding and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. This information has been included in the notes to the basic financial statements.

Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not the Authority has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Authority did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.c. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the Authority. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Authority's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. Our current year finding and recommendation is listed in Appendix A to this Management Letter.

Special District Component Units

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.c., Rules of the Auditor General, requires, if appropriate, that we communicate the failure of a special district that is a component unit of a county, municipality, or special district, to provide the financial information necessary for proper reporting of the component unit, within the audited financial statements of the county, municipality, or special district in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), Florida Statutes. The Authority does not have any component units.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, federal and other granting agencies, the Board of Directors, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Tampa, Florida
May 15, 2020

**PINELLAS SUNCOAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY
APPENDIX A – CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

2019-002 – FleetNet and Grant Salary Worksheet Reconciliations

Criteria

Report generated from FleetNet, which includes hours charged to grants and is used to calculate the Grant Salary Worksheet, should reconcile to actual hours per approved timesheet.

Condition

We reviewed draw #32 reimbursement packet for the month of February 2019 and noted that per the approved timesheet, hours charged to the grant were unreconciled against the generated report from FleetNet. This report from FleetNet is used to calculate the grant salaries to be reimbursed per Grant Salary Worksheet. The total hours understated per reimbursement packet in aggregate were \$429 as a result of 14.75 hours that were not charged to the grant. This amount was paid with operating funds.

Cause

There is a lack of control in adequately verifying or reviewing the hours from the Grant Salary Worksheet to the approved hours per timesheet.

Effect

Improper charging of grant funds for reimbursement could potentially exist.

Recommendation

We recommend that the report generated from FleetNet, which is used to calculate the Grant Salary Worksheet, should reflect the actual hours per approved timesheet by implementing adequate controls surrounding this verification prior to grant reimbursement submission.

Management's Response

There is no disagreement with the recommendation. Controls have been implemented to compare the timesheets to the final payroll Grant Salary Worksheet report with all deviations properly supported.



INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
St. Petersburg, Florida

We have examined Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's (the Authority) compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds during the year ended September 30, 2019. Management of the Authority is responsible for the Authority's compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Authority's compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Authority complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the Authority complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Authority's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Authority complied, in all material respects, with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds during the year ended September 30, 2019.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Authority and the Auditor General, state of Florida, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Tampa, Florida
May 15, 2020