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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Supervisors
Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District
Hillsborough County, Florida

Report on Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management 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; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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To the Board of Supervisors
Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for one year beyond the financial statement date, including currently known information that may raise substantial doubt thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts, and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

To the Board of Supervisors
Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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 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 Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated June 30, 2025 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts.

The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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June 30, 2025

Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

Management's discussion and analysis of Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District (the "District") financial performance provides an objective and easily readable analysis of the District's financial activities. The analysis provides summary financial information for the District and should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The District's basic financial statements comprise three components; 1) *Government-wide financial statements*, 2) *Fund financial statements*, and 3) *Notes to financial statements*. The *Government-wide financial statements* present an overall picture of the District's financial position and results of operations. The *Fund financial statements* present financial information for the District's major funds. The *Notes to financial statements* provide additional information concerning the District's finances.

The *Government-wide financial statements* are the **statement of net position** and the **statement of activities**. These statements use accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. Emphasis is placed on the net position of governmental activities and the change in net position. Governmental activities are primarily supported by special assessments.

The **statement of net position** presents information on all assets and liabilities of the District, with the difference between assets and liabilities reported as net position. Net position is reported in three categories; 1) net investment in capital assets, 2) restricted, and 3) unrestricted. Assets, liabilities, and net position are reported for all Governmental activities.

The **statement of activities** presents information on all revenues and expenses of the District and the change in net position. Expenses are reported by major function and program revenues relating to those functions are reported, providing the net cost of all functions provided by the District. To assist in understanding the District's operations, expenses have been reported as governmental activities. Governmental activities financed by the District include general government, physical environment, and culture/recreation.

Fund financial statements present financial information for governmental funds. These statements provide financial information for the major funds of the District. Governmental fund financial statements provide information on the current assets and liabilities of the funds, changes in current financial resources (revenues and expenditures), and current available resources.

**Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Fund financial statements include a **balance sheet** and a **statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances** for all governmental funds. A **statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances – budget and actual** is provided for the District's General Fund. *Fund financial statements* provide more detailed information about the District's activities. Individual funds are established by the District to track revenues that are restricted to certain uses or to comply with legal requirements.

The *government-wide financial statements* and the *fund financial statements* provide different pictures of the District. The *government-wide financial statements* provide an overall picture of the District's financial standing. These statements are comparable to private-sector companies and give a good understanding of the District's overall financial health and how the District paid for the various activities, or functions, provided by the District. All assets of the District, including capital assets are reported in the **statement of net position**. All liabilities, including principal outstanding on bonds are included. The **statement of activities** includes depreciation on all long-lived assets of the District, but transactions between the different functions of the District have been eliminated in order to avoid "doubling up" the revenues and expenses. The *fund financial statements* provide a picture of the major funds of the District. In the case of governmental activities, outlays for long lived assets are reported as expenditures and long-term liabilities, such as long-term debt, are not included in the fund financial statements. To provide a link from the *fund financial statements* to the *government-wide financial statements*, a reconciliation is provided from the *fund financial statements* to the *government-wide financial statements*.

Notes to financial statements provide additional detail concerning the financial activities and financial balances of the District. Additional information about the accounting practices of the District, investments of the District, capital assets and long-term debt are some of the items included in the *notes to financial statements*.

Financial Highlights

The following are the highlights of financial activity for the year ended September 30, 2024.

- ◆ The District's total assets exceeded total liabilities by \$5,674,572 (net position). Unrestricted net position for Governmental Activities was \$4,320,847. Net investment in capital assets was \$1,353,725.
- ◆ Governmental activities revenues totaled \$2,275,033 while governmental activities expenses totaled \$2,107,062.

**Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Financial Analysis of the District

The following schedule provides a summary of the assets, liabilities and net position of the District and is presented by category for comparison purposes.

Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	2024	2023
Current assets	\$ 4,418,935	\$ 4,324,022
Capital assets	1,353,725	1,286,411
Total Assets	5,772,660	5,610,433
Current liabilities	98,088	103,832
Net position - net investment in capital assets	1,353,725	1,286,411
Net position - unrestricted	4,320,847	4,220,190
Total Net Position	\$ 5,674,572	\$ 5,506,601

The increase in current assets and unrestricted net position is the result of revenues exceeding expenditures at the fund level in the current year.

The increase in capital assets and net investment in capital assets was primarily due to capital asset additions in excess of depreciation in the current year.

**Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Financial Analysis of the District (Continued)

The following schedule provides a summary of the changes in net position of the District and is presented by category for comparison purposes.

Change in Net Position		Governmental Activities	
	2024	2023	
Program Revenues			
Charges for services	\$ 1,993,466	\$ 2,208,596	
General Revenues			
Investment earnings	257,496	182,915	
Miscellaneous	24,071	24,475	
Total Revenues	<u>2,275,033</u>	<u>2,415,986</u>	
Expenses			
General government	304,278	261,901	
Physical environment	1,626,577	1,726,593	
Culture and recreation	176,207	278,918	
Total Expenses	<u>2,107,062</u>	<u>2,267,412</u>	
Change in Net Position	167,971	148,574	
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>5,506,601</u>	<u>5,358,027</u>	
Net Position - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 5,674,572</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,506,601</u></u>	

The decrease in charges for services is primarily due to a decrease in special assessments in the current year.

The decrease in physical environment is primarily due to a decrease in landscape renovations and miscellaneous contingency expenditures in the current year.

The decrease in culture/recreation is due to increased use of reserve funds in the prior year.

**Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Capital Assets Activity

The following schedule provides a summary of the District's capital assets activity as of September 30, 2024 and 2023:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Land and improvements	\$ 274,965	\$ 274,965
Buildings	638,767	638,767
Infrastructure	1,250,155	1,077,713
Equipment	415,640	415,640
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,225,802)</u>	<u>(1,120,674)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u><u>\$ 1,353,725</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,286,411</u></u>

Capital activity for the year consisted of depreciation of \$105,128, and additions to infrastructure of \$172,442.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Final budgeted expenditures exceeded actual expenditures primarily due to less use of reserve than anticipated.

The September 30, 2024 budget was not amended.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District does not expect any economic factors to have any significant effect on the financial position or results of operations of the District in fiscal year 2025.

Request for Information

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District's finances for all those with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District, Inframark LLC, 2005 Pan Am Circle, Suite 300, Tampa, Florida 33607.

Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 4,266,020
Accounts receivable	156
Due from other governments	16,009
Prepaid expenses	62,488
Deposits	59,150
Restricted assets - cash	15,112
Total Current Assets	4,418,935
Non-current Assets	
Capital assets, not being depreciated	
Land and improvements	274,965
Capital assets, being depreciated	
Buildings	638,767
Infrastructure	1,250,155
Equipment	415,640
Less: accumulated depreciation	(1,225,802)
Total Non-current Assets	1,353,725
Total Assets	5,772,660
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	82,976
Deposits payable from restricted assets	15,112
Total Liabilities	98,088
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	1,353,725
Unrestricted	4,320,847
Total Net Position	\$ 5,674,572

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
September 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues Charges for Services	Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities			
General government	\$ (304,278)	\$ 302,991	\$ (1,287)
Physical environment	(1,626,577)	1,609,736	(16,841)
Culture/recreation	(176,207)	80,739	(95,468)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ (2,107,062)	\$ 1,993,466	(113,596)
			General Revenues
			Investment earnings 257,496
			Miscellaneous revenues 24,071
			Total General Revenues 281,567
			Change in Net Position 167,971
			Net Position - October 1, 2023 5,506,601
			Net Position - September 30, 2024 \$ 5,674,572

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District
BALANCE SHEET –
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
September 30, 2024

	General
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 4,281,132
Accounts receivable	156
Due from other governments	16,009
Prepaid expenses	62,488
Deposits	59,150
Total Assets	\$ 4,418,935
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 82,976
Deposits payable	15,112
Total Liabilities	98,088
Fund Balances	
Nonspendable	
Prepaid expenses	62,488
Deposits	59,150
Assigned	
Operating reserves	592,825
Capital reserves - Area 3	417,382
Capital reserves - Area 6	418,058
Capital reserves - Area 7	981,345
Unassigned	1,789,599
Total Fund Balances	4,320,847
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 4,418,935

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES
TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
September 30, 2024

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 4,320,847
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets not being depreciated, land and improvements, used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore, are not reported at the fund level.	274,965
Capital assets being depreciated, infrastructure, \$1,250,155, buildings, \$638,767, and equipment, \$415,640, net of accumulated depreciation, \$(1,225,802), used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore, are not reported at the fund level.	<u>1,078,760</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 5,674,572</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

	General
Revenues	
Special assessments	\$ 1,993,466
Investment earnings	257,496
Miscellaneous revenues	24,071
Total Revenues	2,275,033
Expenditures	
Current	
General government	304,278
Physical environment	1,616,574
Culture/recreation	81,082
Capital outlay	172,442
Total Expenditures	2,174,376
Excess of revenues over/(under) expenditures	100,657
Fund Balances - October 1, 2023	4,220,190
Fund Balances - September 30, 2024	\$ 4,320,847

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	100,657
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation. This is the amount of capital outlay, \$172,442, in excess of depreciation, \$(105,128), in the current period.		67,314
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	167,971
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$ 2,023,831	\$ 2,023,831	\$ 1,993,466	\$ (30,365)
Investment earnings	62,036	62,036	257,496	195,460
Miscellaneous revenues	9,800	9,800	24,071	14,271
Total Revenues	<u>2,095,667</u>	<u>2,095,667</u>	<u>2,275,033</u>	<u>179,366</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	336,670	336,670	304,278	32,392
Physical environment	1,722,929	1,722,929	1,616,574	106,355
Culture/recreation	85,626	85,626	81,082	4,544
Capital outlay	154,028	154,028	172,442	(18,414)
Total Expenditures	<u>2,299,253</u>	<u>2,299,253</u>	<u>2,174,376</u>	<u>124,877</u>
Excess of revenues over/(under) expenditures	(203,586)	(203,586)	100,657	304,243
Fund Balances - October 1, 2023	<u>4,052,526</u>	<u>4,052,526</u>	<u>4,220,190</u>	<u>167,664</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2024	<u>\$ 3,848,940</u>	<u>\$ 3,848,940</u>	<u>\$ 4,320,847</u>	<u>\$ 471,907</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2024

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The District's more significant accounting policies are described below.

1. Reporting Entity

The District was established on January 31, 1990, by the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission and Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The District was established for the purposes of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of a portion of the infrastructure within the District. The District is authorized to issue bonds for the purpose, among others, of financing, funding and planning basic infrastructure projects within or without the boundaries of the Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District. The District is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors who are elected for four-year terms. The District operates within the criteria established by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

The District is located within the City of Tampa and encompasses three different areas:

Area 3 – Encompasses approximately 785 acres (367 acres can be developed).

Area 6 – Encompasses approximately 565 acres and is also known as Richmond Place.

Area 7 – Encompasses approximately 1,240 acres (513 acres can be developed) and is known as West Meadows.

As required by GAAP, these financial statements present the Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District (the primary government) as a stand-alone government. The reporting entity for the District includes all functions of government in which the District's Board exercises oversight responsibility including, but not limited to, financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, significant ability to influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters.

Based upon the application of the above-mentioned criteria as set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board the District has identified no component units.

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The basic financial statements of the District are composed of the following:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to financial statements

Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2024

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

a. Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Government-wide financial statements report all non-fiduciary information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the governmental activities of the primary government. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

Governmental activities are primarily supported by special assessments. Program revenues include charges for services and payments made by parties outside of the reporting government's citizenry if that money is restricted to a particular program. Program revenues are netted with program expenses in the Statement of Activities to present the net cost of each program.

Amounts paid to acquire capital assets are capitalized as assets, rather than reported as an expenditure. Proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements, rather than as an other financing source.

Amounts paid to reduce long-term indebtedness of the reporting government are reported as a reduction of the related liability, rather than as an expenditure.

b. Fund Financial Statements

The underlying accounting system of the District is organized and operated on the basis of separate funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Governmental resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Fund financial statements for the primary government's governmental funds are presented after the government-wide financial statements. These statements display information about major funds individually.

Governmental Funds

The District classifies fund balance according to Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 54 – Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. The Statement requires the fund balance for governmental funds to be reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2024

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

b. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Governmental Funds (Continued)

The District has various policies governing the fund balance classifications.

Nonspendable Fund Balance – This classification consists of amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Assigned Fund Balance – This classification consists of the Board of Supervisors' intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The assigned fund balances can also be assigned by the District's management company.

Fund Balance Spending Hierarchy – For all governmental funds except special revenue funds, when restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balances are combined in a fund, qualified expenditures are paid first from restricted or committed fund balance, as appropriate, then assigned and finally unassigned fund balances.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon thereafter, to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. Interest associated with the current fiscal period is considered to be an accrual item and so has been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period.

Under the current financial resources measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The reported fund balance is considered to be a measure of "available spendable resources". Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of "available spendable resources" during a period.

Because of their spending measurement focus, expenditure recognition for governmental fund types excludes amounts represented by non-current liabilities. Since they do not affect net current assets, such long-term amounts are not recognized as governmental fund type expenditures or fund liabilities.

Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2024

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

b. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Governmental Funds (Continued)

Amounts expended to acquire capital assets are recorded as expenditures in the year that resources are expended, rather than as fund assets. The proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as an other financing source rather than as a fund liability.

Debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

3. Basis of Presentation

a. Governmental Major Funds

General Fund – The General Fund is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

b. Non-current Governmental Assets/Liabilities

GASB Statement 34 requires that non-current governmental assets, such as capital assets, and non-current governmental liabilities, such as long-term debt, be reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

4. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity

a. Cash and Investments

Florida Statutes require state and local governmental units to deposit monies with financial institutions classified as "Qualified Public Depositories," a multiple financial institution pool whereby groups of securities pledged by the various financial institutions provide common collateral from their deposits of public funds. This pool is provided as additional insurance to the federal depository insurance and allows for additional assessments against the member institutions, providing full insurance for public deposits.

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

a. Cash and Investments (Continued)

The District is authorized to invest in those financial instruments as established by Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. The authorized investments consist of:

1. Direct obligations of the United States Treasury;
2. The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperative Act of 1969;
3. Interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in authorized qualified public depositories;
4. Securities and Exchange Commission, registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency.

Cash equivalents include time deposits and certificates of deposit with original maturities of three months or less and held in a qualified public depository as defined by Section 280.02, Florida Statutes.

b. Restricted Assets

Certain net positions of the District will be classified as restricted assets on the statement of net position because their use is limited either by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation; or by restrictions imposed externally by creditors. In a fund with both restricted and unrestricted assets, qualified expenses are considered to be paid first from restricted net position and then from unrestricted net position.

c. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land and improvement, buildings, infrastructure, and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column.

The District defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. The valuation basis for all assets is historical cost.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend its useful life are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

c. Capital Assets (Continued)

Depreciation of capital assets is computed and recorded by utilizing the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives of the various classes of depreciable capital assets are as follows:

Equipment	7-15 years
Buildings	10-50 years
Infrastructure	10-30 years

d. Budgets

Budgets are prepared and adopted after a public hearing for the governmental funds, pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The District utilizes the same basis of accounting for budgets as it does for revenues and expenditures in its various funds. Formal budgets are adopted for the general fund. The legal level of budgetary control is at the fund level. As a result, deficits in the budget columns of the accompanying financial statements may occur. All budgeted appropriations lapse at year end.

NOTE B – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position

“Total fund balances” of the District’s governmental funds, \$4,320,847, differs from “net position” of governmental activities, \$5,674,572, reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the current financial resources focus of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet. The effect of the differences is illustrated as follows.

Capital related items

When capital assets, that are to be used in governmental activities, are purchased or constructed, the cost of those assets is reported as expenditures at the governmental fund level. However, the Statement of Net Position included those capital assets among the assets of the District as a whole.

Land and improvements	\$ 274,965
Buildings	638,767
Infrastructure	1,250,155
Equipment	415,640
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,225,802)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,353,725</u>

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NOTE B – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

2. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Operating Statements and the Statement of Activities

The “net change in fund balances” for government funds, \$100,657, differs from the “change in net position” for governmental activities, \$167,971, reported in the Statement of Activities. The differences arise primarily from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Activities versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental fund level. The effect of the differences is illustrated below.

Capital related items

When capital assets that are to be used in governmental activities are purchased or constructed, the resources expended for those assets are reported as expenditures at the governmental fund level. However, in the Statement of Activities, the costs of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation. As a result, fund balances decrease by the amount of financial resources expended, whereas net position decreases by the amount of depreciation charged for the year.

Depreciation	\$ (105,128)
Capital outlay	<u>172,442</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 67,314</u></u>

NOTE C – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

All deposits are held in qualified public depositories and are included on the accompanying balance sheet as cash and investments.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a formal deposit policy for custodial credit risk; however, they follow the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes regarding deposits and investments. As of September 30, 2024, the District's bank balance was \$4,296,139 and the carrying value was \$4,281,132. Exposure to custodial credit risk was as follows. The District maintains all deposits in a qualified public depository in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes, which means that all deposits are fully insured by Federal Depositors Insurance or collateralized under Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

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NOTE C – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments

The District's investment policy allows management to invest funds in investments permitted under Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.

As of September 30, 2024, the District had no investments.

Interest Rate Risk

The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk

The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one fund.

NOTE D – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVENUES

Assessments are non-ad valorem assessments on benefitted property within the District. Operation and Maintenance Assessments are based upon adopted budget and levied annually. The District may collect assessments directly or utilize the uniform method of collections (Chapter 197.3632, Florida Statutes). Direct collected assessments are due as determined by an annual assessment resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Per Section 197.162, Florida Statutes discounts are allowed for early payment at the rate of 4% in November, 3% in December, 2% in January, and 1% in February. Taxes paid in March are without discount.

Assessments and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

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NOTE E – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2024 was as follows:

	Balance October 1, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2024
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>				
Capital assets, not depreciated				
Land and improvements	\$ 274,965	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 274,965
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Infrastructure	1,077,713	172,442	-	1,250,155
Buildings	638,767	-	-	638,767
Equipment	415,640	-	-	415,640
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>2,132,120</u>	<u>172,442</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,304,562</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	(592,718)	(55,913)	-	(648,631)
Buildings	(279,664)	(24,717)	-	(304,381)
Equipment	(248,292)	(24,498)	-	(272,790)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,120,674)</u>	<u>(105,128)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,225,802)</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>1,011,446</u>	<u>67,314</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,078,760</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 1,286,411</u>	<u>\$ 67,314</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,353,725</u>

Depreciation was charged to physical environment for \$10,003, and culture and recreation for \$95,125.

NOTE F – RISK MANAGEMENT

The government is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the government carries commercial insurance. These risks are covered by commercial insurance from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage over the past three years.

NOTE G – LITIGATION

A group of commercial property owners filed legal action against the District concerning certain operations and maintenance assessments. The case is ongoing. At this time, the outcome is uncertain, and no estimate of potential loss, if any, can be reasonably determined.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Supervisors
Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District
Hillsborough County, 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, as listed in the table of contents, of Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 30, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District'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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

To the Board of Supervisors
Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District's financial statements are free of 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.



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MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Supervisors
Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District
Hillsborough County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated June 30, 2025.

Auditor's 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 and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General.

Other Reports and Schedule

We have issued our Independent Auditor's 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* and our Independent Auditor's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with AICPA Professionals Standards, AT-C Section 315 regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in that report, which is dated June 30, 2025, 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 made to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations in the preceding financial audit report.

To the Board of Supervisors
Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District

Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific conditions met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District has not met one of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial conditions assessment procedures as of September 30, 2024 for the Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District's financial condition; our financial condition assessment was based in part on the representations made by management and the review of the financial information provided by the same.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Specific Information

The information below was provided by management and has not been audited by us; therefore, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information.

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)7, Rules of the Auditor General, Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District reported:

- 1) The total number of District employees compensated in the last pay period of the District's fiscal year: 0
- 2) The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the District's fiscal year: 12
- 3) All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$0
- 4) All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$227,103
- 5) Each construction project with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the District that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1, 2023, together with the total expenditures for such project: N/A
- 6) A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the District amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes: The budget was not amended.

To the Board of Supervisors
Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)9, Rules of the Auditor General, the Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District reported:

- 1) The rate or rates of non-ad valorem special assessments imposed by the District: General Fund, \$10 - \$49,962.
- 2) The amount of special assessments collected by or on behalf of the District: Total special assessments collected was \$1,993,699.
- 3) The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the District and the terms of such bonds: The District had no outstanding bonds.

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 fraud, waste, or abuse, that has occurred or is likely to have occurred, that has an effect on the financial statements that is less than material, but which 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 Supervisors, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT/COMPLIANCE
WITH SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES**

To the Board of Supervisors
Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District
Hillsborough County, Florida

We have examined Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes during the year ended September 30, 2024. Management is responsible for Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District's complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the year ended September 30, 2024.

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