STATE OF NEW MEXICO SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT DIRECTORY OF PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Board of Directors

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Other Officials

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Mr. Joseph M. Maestas, P.E. State Auditor of the State of New Mexico and Board of Directors of South Central Regional Transit District Anthony, New Mexico

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, the aggregate remaining fund information and the budgetary comparison for the general fund of South Central Regional Transit District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the South Central Regional Transit District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, the aggregate remaining fund information and the budgetary comparison for the general fund of the South Central Regional Transit District, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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.



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 South Central Regional Transit District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities 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 auditors' report that includes our opinions. 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 South Central Regional Transit 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 South Central Regional Transit 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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the 10 year schedules for Pension on pages 32 - 34 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 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.

Management has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis which is required to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the South Central Regional Transit District's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements 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 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 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated December 14, 2023, on our consideration of the South Central Regional Transit District'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 results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the South Central Regional Transit District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance.

Blasley, Mitchell & Co. Loff

Beasley, Mitchell & Co. Las Cruces, New Mexico December 14, 2023

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2023 ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 2) Accounts receivable	\$	68,712 431,622
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		500,334
Noncurrent assets: Right to use asset, net (note 4) Capital assets, net (note 3)		3,670 2,378,608
Total noncurrent assets		2,382,278
Total assets		2,882,612
Deferred outflows: Deferred outflows- NPL (note 8)		460,979
Total deferred outflows		460,979
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$	3,343,591
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION (DEFICIT) Current liabilities: Accounts payable Current portion of compensated absences (note 5) Accrued salaries Current portion of long-term-debt Current portion of lease liability	\$	141,770 13,243 108,229 60,000 1,631
Total current liabilities		324,873
Non- current liabilities: Compensated absences (note 5) Lease liability (note 10) Net pension liability		26,487 1,655 1,256,318
Total non-current liabilities		1,284,460
Total liabilities		1,609,333
Deferred inflows: Deferred inflows- NPL (note 8) Unearned revenue		30,553 12,239
Total deferred inflows of resources		42,792
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS		1,652,125
Net position : Net investment in capital assets Unrestricted		2,318,608 (627,142)
Total net position		1,691,466
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION See accompanying notes to financial statements and independ	<u>\$</u> ent audit	<u>3.343.591</u>
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

						Program Reve	enu	les	C	nange in Net Position
Functions/Programs: Primary government:	Ex	penditures		harges for Services	Ģ	Program Operating Grants and ontributions		Capital Grants and Contributions		vernmental Activities
Governmental activities:										
General government	<u>\$</u>	2,500,465	<u>\$</u>	166,714	<u>\$</u>	2,103,942	\$	415,097	<u>\$</u>	185,288
Total primary government	\$	2,500,465	\$	166.714	\$	2,103,942	\$	415.097		185,288
				neral Revenu Donations Miscellaneou						202,975 12,167
				Total gene	eral	revenues				215,142
			Cho	ange in net p	ositi	ion				400,430
			Net	position (de	icit)	, beginning c	of y	ear		1,291,036
			Net	position (de	īcit)	, end of year	-		\$	1,691,466

See accompanying notes to financial statements and independent auditors' report

GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS	General Fund
Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable	\$ 68,712 <u> 431,622</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 500,334</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Liabilities: Accounts payable Accrued salaries	\$ 141,770 108,229
Total Liabilities	249,999
Deferred Inflows: Unearned revenue	12,239
Total liabilities and deferred inflows	262,238
Fund balances: Unassigned, reported in: General fund	238,096
Total fund balances	238,096
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 500,334</u>

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

Amounts reported for government activities in the statement of net position are different as a result of the following:

Fund balances - total governmental funds		\$ 238,096
Long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore, are deferred in the funds:		
Right of use asset Accumulated depreciation	4,893 (1,223)	3,670
The cost of capital assets Accumulated depreciation	3,434,696 (1,056,088)	2,378,608
Deferred outflows - NPL		460,979
Deferred inflows - NPL		(30,553)

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current-period and therefore are not reported in the funds:

Lease liability	(3,286)	
Compensated absences	(39,730)	
Long-term debt	(60,000)	
Net pension liability	(1,256,318)	(1,359,334)

Net Position - Statement of Net Position

<u>\$ 1,691,466</u>

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	General Fund
Revenues: Charges for services State sources Federal sources Donations (note 7) Miscellaneous	\$ 166,714 907,149 1,611,890 202,975 12,167
Total revenues	2,900,895
Expenditures: General government Capital outlay	2,025,288 731,619
Total expenditures	2,756,907
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	143,988
Other financing sources (uses): Principle payments Lease payments Loan proceeds Lease interest	(38,000) (1,607) 60,000 (73)
Total other financing sources	20,320
Net changes in fund balances	164,308
Fund balances, beginning of year	73,788
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 238,096</u>

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN THE FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	164,308
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The changes in net position 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 useful lives and reported as depreciation expenses:

ROU asset Amortization expense	4,893 (1,223)	3,670
Capital outlay Depreciation expense	731,619 (199,397)	532,222
Change in deferred outflows- NPL		(17,522)
Change in deferred inflows- NPL		267,691
Change in net pension liability		(536,558)
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds, notes, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principle of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position.		
Lease issuance Payment on lease		3,245 1,607
Change in compensated absences Loan payment Loan proceeds	-	3,767 38,000 (60,000)

Change in net position of governmental activities <u>\$</u>

400,430

See accompanying notes to financial statements and independent auditors' report

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Budget Amounts						Variance avorable	
		Original	~	Final		Actual	nfavorable)
Revenues:	_						
Charges for services	\$	187,997	\$	560,401	\$	166,714	\$ (393,687)
Federal sources		1,635,045		1,678,641		1,611,890	(66,751)
State sources		127,195		178,744		669,214	490,470
Miscellaneous	_	102,000		204,114		215,142	 11,028
Total revenues		2,052,237		2,621,900		2,662,960	41,060
Expenditures:							
General government		2,114,237		2,114,237	_	2,646,059	 (531,822)
Total expenditures		2,114,237	_	2,114,237		2,646,059	 (531,822)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures		(62,000)		507,663		16,901	 (490,762)
Other financing sources Principle payments Lease payments Loan proceeds Lease interest	_	(38,000) - - -		(38,000) - - -		(38,000) (1,607) 60,000 (73)	 - (1,607) 60,000 (73)
Total other financing uses	_	_		-		20,320	 20,320
Net changes in fund balance Non-GAAP Basis		(62,000)		507,663		37,221	(470,442)
Cash fund balance - beginning		31,491		31,491	_	31,491	 -
Cash fund balance - ending	\$	(30,509)	\$	539,154	\$	68,712	\$ (470,442)
Reconciliation of Budgetary Basis t	to G4	AP Basis					

Reconciliation of Budgetary Basis to GAAP Basis:

Net changes in fund balance budgetary basis Revenue - accruals Expenditure - accruals	\$ 37,221 237,935 (110,848)
Net change in fund balance GAAP basis	\$ 164,308

See accompanying notes to financial statements and independent auditors' report

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This summary of significant accounting policies of the South Central Regional Transit District (the "District"), is presented to assist in understanding the District's financial statements. The financial statements and notes are representations of the District's management, who is responsible for their integrity and objectivity.

Reporting Entity - The South Central Regional Transit District (the "District") was organized under Section 73-25-4 NMSA 1978 to provide the public with a safe and efficient transportation system in southern New Mexico. The transit services are intended to promote independent living for the frail, the elderly, the disabled, and those without access to automobiles by providing essential links to a variety of medical, social and other services.

The South Central Regional Transit District's basic financial statements are prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (statements) and interpretations. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent subsections of this Note.

These financial statements present the South Central Regional Transit District (the "District") as defined by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, component units are legally separate entities that are included in the South Central Regional Transit District reporting entity because of the significance of their operating or financial relationships with the South Central Regional Transit District. Based on the criterion in Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, the South Central Regional Transit District had no component units.

Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements - The statement of net position and the statement of activities report information about the government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity. The statements distinguish between governmental and business type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in a whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services. The South Central Regional Transit District has no business-type activities or fiduciary funds.

Fund Financial Statements - The fund financial statements provide information about the District's funds. Only statements for governmental funds are presented since the District engaged in government-type activities only. The District reports the following major governmental funds:

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

General Fund - The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the South Central Regional Transit District and always classified as a major fund. It is used to account for all activities except those legally or administratively required to be accounted for in other funds.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting

Government-Wide Fund Financial Statements - The government-wide fund financial statements are reported using an economic resources measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources resulting from non-exchange transactions are recognized when the earnings process is complete. The government-wide fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred or when the economic asset is used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Derived taxes are recognized when the exchange takes place, and grants are recognized when all eligibility requirements are met.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements are reported using the current financial resource measurement focus. Only current financial assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are generally included on their balance sheet. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period. The Governmental Fund Financial Statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, which means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Budget - Budgets for all funds are prepared by management and approved by the District's Board of Directors and the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration. These budgets are prepared on the GAAP modified accrual basis, excluding encumbrances, and secure appropriation of funds for only one year. Carryover funds must be re-appropriated in the budget of the subsequent fiscal year. Actual expenditures may not exceed the budget on a by fund basis. Budgets may be amended in two ways. If a budget transfer is necessary within a fund, this may be accomplished with only local Board approval. If a transfer between "funds" or a budget increase is required, approval must also be obtained from the Department of Finance and Administration. The budgetary information presented in these financial statements has been amended in accordance with the above procedures.

Cash and Investments - Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity of six months from the date acquired by the government. State statutes authorize the government to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, interest-bearing accounts with local financial institutions and the State Treasurer Pool. New Mexico Statutes require that financial institutions with public monies on deposit pledge collateral, to the owners of such monies, in an amount not less than 50% of the public monies held on deposit. Collateral pledged is held in safekeeping by other financial institutions, with safekeeping receipts held by the South Central Regional Transit District. The pledged securities remain in the name of the financial institution.

Capital Assets - Capital assets, which include property, plant, vehicles and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 (amount not rounded) and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Information Technology Equipment including software is being capitalized and included in furniture, fixtures and equipment in accordance with NMAC 2.20.1.9 C(5). The District was a phase II government for purposes of implementing GASB 34 however, the District does not have any infrastructure asset to report. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. No interest was included as part of the cost of capital assets under construction.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Capital Assets (Continued)

Property, plant, and equipment of the primary government is depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Building and improvements	20-50
Furniture, Equipment, and Vehicles	3-15

Interfund Activity - Interfund activity is reported as either loans, services provided, reimbursements or transfers. Loans are reported as interfund receivables and payables as appropriate and are netted as a part of the reconciliation to the government-wide financial statements. Services provided, deemed to be at market or near market rates, are treated as revenues and expenditures/expenses. Reimbursements are when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting fund and reduces its related cost as a reimbursement. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers between governmental funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the government-wide financial statements.

Unearned Revenues - In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year end and not yet received. Allowances for uncollectible accounts receivable are based upon historical trends and the periodic aging of accounts receivable. Major receivable balances for the governmental activities include grants. In the fund financial statements, material receivables in governmental funds include revenue accruals such as grants and other similar intergovernmental revenues since they are usually both measurable and available. Non-exchange transactions collectible but not available are deferred in the fund financial statements in accordance with modified accrual, but not deferred in the government-wide financial statements in accordance with the accrual basis. Interest and investment earnings are recorded when earned only if paid within 60 days since they would be considered both measurable and available.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results can differ from those estimates.

Taxes - The District is exempt from federal and state income taxes; as such, no provision is made in the accompanying financial statements.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Compensated Absences - The South Central Regional Transit District's policies regarding vacation time permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation leave. The liability for these compensated absences is recorded as long- term debt in the government-wide statements. The current portion of this debt is estimated based on historical trends. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report only the compensated absence liability payable from expendable available financial resources.

Deferred Inflows/Outflows - In addition to assets, the statement of financial position and/or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate net position that applies to a future period, and so will be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenses/expenditures) then. The Government has deferred outflows at June 30, 2023 of \$460,979.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position and/or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statements element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenues) until that time. The Government had deferred inflows of resources at June 30, 2023 of \$30,553.

Fund Balance - The South Central Regional Transit District has implemented GASB Statement 54 "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions". This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

- Non-spendable fund balance amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as inventory) or are required to remain intact.
- Restricted fund balance amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.
- Committed fund balance amounts constrained to specific purposes by the government itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority, to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest level action to remove or change its constraints.
- Assigned fund balance amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the government body delegates the authority.
- Unassigned fund balance amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fund Balance (Continued)- The Board of Directors establishes (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments by adoption of a resolution or a vote of the Board. This is typically done through the adoption and amendment of the budget. Assigned fund balance is established by the Board of Directors through adoption or amendment of the budget as intended for a specific purpose (such as purchase of fixed assets, construction, debt service or for other purposes). Expenditures incurred are normally paid from the highest constrained fund balance.

Net Position - Net position represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position are reported as restricted when there are limitations on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws of other governments. As of June 30, 2023, restricted net position is \$2,318,608.

New Governmental Accounting Standards - In March 2020, GASB Statement No. 94, Public Private Partnerships, was issued. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022. The primary objective of this Statement is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and publicpublic partnership arrangements (PPPs). As used in this Statement, a PPP is an arrangement in which a government (the transferor) contracts with an operator (a governmental or nongovernmental entity) to provide public services by conveying control of the right to operate or use a nonfinancial asset, such as infrastructure or other capital asset (the underlying PPP asset), for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. Some PPPs meet the definition of a service concession arrangement (SCA), which the Board defines in this Statement as a PPP in which (1) the operator collects and is compensated by fees from third parties; (2) the transferor determines or has the ability to modify or approve which services the operator is required to provide, to whom the operator is required to provide the services, and the prices or rates that can be charged for the services; and (3) the transferor is entitled to significant residual interest in the service utility of the underlying PPP asset at the end of the arrangement. The District has evaluated the effects of this pronouncement on the financial statements and noted no change based on implementation.

In May 2020, GASB Statement No. 96, Subscription-based Information Technology Arrangements, was issued. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022. This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

New Governmental Accounting Standards (Continued) - This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, Leases, as amended. The District has evaluated the effects of this pronouncement on the financial statements and noted no change based on implementation.

In April 2022, GASB Statement No. 99, Omnibus 2022, was issued. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022. The objectives of this Statement are to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. The District has evaluated the effects of this pronouncement on the financial statements and noted no change based on implementation.

Future Governmental Accounting Standards- In June 2022 GASB issued Statement No. 100 Accounting Changes and Error Corrections—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62 was issued. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The requirements of this Statement are effective for accounting changes and error corrections made in fiscal year beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. The District is still evaluating how this pronouncement will affect the financial statements.

In June 2022 GASB Statement No. 101, requires that liabilities for compensated absences be recognized for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through noncash means. A liability should be recognized for leave that has not been used if (a) the leave is attributable to services already rendered, (b) the leave accumulates, and (c) the leave is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid in cash or settled through noncash means. Leave is attributable to services already rendered when an employee has performed the services required to earn the leave. Leave that accumulates is carried forward from the reporting period in which it is earned to a future reporting period during which it may be used for time off or otherwise paid or settled. In estimating the leave that is more likely than not to be used or otherwise paid or settled, a government should consider relevant factors such as employment policies related to compensated absences and historical information about the use or payment of compensated absences. However, leave that is more likely than not to be settled through conversion to defined benefit postemployment benefits should not be included in a liability for compensated absences. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023. The District is still evaluating how this pronouncement will affect the financial statements.

2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

New Mexico State Statutes authorize the District to deposit cash with a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union whose deposits are insured by an agency of the United States of America. The District maintains cash in one financial institution, Bank of the West. All uninsured demand deposits and deposit - type investments such as certificates of deposits, are required to be collateralized with eligible securities, as described by New Mexico State Statues, in amounts equal to at least 50% of the uninsured deposits. Collateral pledged is held in safekeeping by other financial institutions, with safekeeping receipts held by the South Central Regional Transit District. The pledged securities remain in the name of the financial institution.

As of June 30, 2023, cash consists of the following:

	In	Per stitution	Re	Reconciling Items		r Financial tatement
Bank of the West: Operating account Money market account	\$	67,401 1,500	\$	(289) -	\$	67,112 1,500
Total checking accounts		68,901		(289)		68,612
Petty cash held by the District		-		-		
Total of checking accounts and petty cash	\$	68.901	\$	(289)	\$	68,612

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 deposit policy for custodial credit risk. Bank balances of \$250,000 are covered by federal depository insurance. As of June 30, 2023 bank balances for the District do not exceed the federal depository insurance, therefore there is no collateral.

As of June 30, 2023, the District's bank balance was not exposed to custodial risk.

3. CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of capital assets and changes occurring during the year ended June 30, 2023 is as follows:

	Balance June 30, Additions 2022		Retirements	Balance June 30, 2023
Governmental Activities: Capital assets not being deprec				
Land	\$ 69,402	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 69,402
Total capital assets not being depreciated	69,402			69,402
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Vehicles Buildings and improvements Equipment	2,334,349 266,880 32,446	731,619	- - -	2,334,349 998,499 <u>32,446</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	2,633,675	731,619		3,365,294
Total capital assets	2,703,077	731,619		3,434,696
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Vehicles Buildings and improvements Equipment	831,303 13,071 12,317	187,140 6,663 5,594	- - -	1,018,443 19,734 17,911
Total accumulated depreciation	856,691	199,397		1,056,088
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	1,776,984	532,222		2,309,206
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 1,846,386	\$ 532,222	\$ -	\$ 2,378,608

For the year ended June 30, 2023, depreciation was charged to the following functions:

Governmental Activities General government	\$ 199,397
Total	\$ 199,397

4. RIGHT TO USE ASSET

A summary of right to use assets and changes occurring during the year ended June 30, 2023 are as follows:

Description		Lease Asset		Accumulated Amortization		Right to Use Asset, Net
Canon printers		4,892		(1,222)		3,670
	<u>\$</u>	4,892	<u>\$</u>	(1,222)	<u>\$</u>	3,670

June 30,	Amor	ization	Net Book \	/alue
2024 2025	- T (,		\$	2,447 1,223
Total		(2,447)		3,670

5. ACCRUED COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The District pays any accumulated accrued vacation leave in a lump cash payment to employees upon termination of employment or to the employee's designated beneficiary upon death. A cash payment, of up to 80 hours, may be requested on the employee's anniversary month, or the month in which they were hired for any unused vacation time. Compensation for sick leave is limited to time-off and is not monetarily compensated. The District does not pay accrued sick leave upon termination.

	Ju	Balance June 30, 2022 Additions			Balance June 30, Reductions 2023				Due Within One Year	
Governmental Activities	<u>\$</u>	43,497	\$	54,739	<u>\$</u>	(58,506)	<u>\$</u>	39,730	<u>\$</u>	13,243
Total	\$	43,497	\$	54,739	\$	(58,506)	\$	39,730	\$	13,243

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. As of the year ended June 30, 2023, the District purchased private insurance to mitigate these risks in the amount of \$4,325. No settlements have exceeded coverage in the last three years.

7. DONATIONS

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the District received two donated assets, which were reported at a fair value of \$202,975.

8. PERA PENSION PLAN

Plan description - The New Mexico Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) was created by legislation enacted in 1947. PERA is the administrator of four retirement funds, including the Public Employees Retirement Fund (PERA Fund), the Judicial Retirement Fund, the Magistrate Retirement Fund, and the Volunteer Firefighters Retirement Fund, offering an array of retirement benefit plans to state, county, and municipal employees, police, firefighters, judges, magistrates, and legislators. The four retirement funds are qualified plans under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and are exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(a). The Deferred Compensation (IRC 457) Fund is an eligible deferred compensation plan as defined by Section 457 to the Internal Revenue Code. The Deferred Compensation Fund is properly excluded from the Schedule of Employer Allocations and Pension Amounts. Refer to Note 1. C. Description of the Funds in PERA's June 30, 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for more in-depth detail of the pension funds administered by PERA. http://www.nmpera.org.

8. PERA PENSION PLAN

Benefits provided - For a description of the benefits provided and recent changes to the benefits see Note 1 in the PERA audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 available at: https://www.nmpera.org/assets/uploads/home-banner/Schedule-of-Employer-Allocation-FY21-Final.pdf

GASB 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, requires contributing employers of cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plans to include the net pension liability, pension expense, and pension-related deferred inflows and outflows of resources related to their share of the pension plan in their financial statement presentation. PERA engaged their financial statement auditors to prepare a schedule allocating these obligations to the contributing employers as of the year ended June 30, 2022.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions: The PERA pension liability amounts, net pension liability amounts, and sensitivity information were based on an annual actuarial valuation performed as of June 30, 2021. The PERA pension liability amounts for each division were rolled forward from the valuation date to the Plan year ending June 30, 2020, using generally accepted actuarial principles. Therefore, the employer's portion was established as of the measurement date June 30, 2022.

The assets of the PERA fund are held in one trust, but there are six distinct membership groups (municipal general members, municipal police members, municipal fire members, state general members, state police members and legislative members) for whom separate contribution rates are determined each year pursuant to chapter 10, Article 11 NMSA 1978. Therefore, the calculations of the net pension liability, pension expense and deferred inflows and outflows were performed separately for each of the membership groups: municipal general members; municipal police members; municipal fire members; state general members; state police members and legislative members.

The District's proportion of the net pension liability for each membership group that the employer participates in is based on the employer contributing entity's percentage of that membership group's total employer contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. Only employer contributions for the pay period end dates that fell within the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 were included in the total contributions for a specific employer. Regular and any adjustment contributions that applied to FY 2021 are included in the total contribution amounts. In the event that an employer is behind in reporting to PERA its required contributions. This allowed for fair and consistent measurement of the contributions with the total population. This methodology was used to maintain consistent measurement each year in determining the percentages to be allocated among all the participating employers.

8. PERA PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized PERA Fund Municipal General Division pension expense of \$825,892. At June 30, 2023, the District reported PERA Fund Municipal General Division deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows or resources related to pensions for Municipal General Division from the following sources:

	Deferred outflows of resources			Deferred inflows of resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	5,036	\$	30,553
Changes in assumptions		-		-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		124,332		-
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date		87,752		-
Change in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions		243,859		
Total	<u>\$</u>	460,979	<u>\$</u>	30,553

8. PERA PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Actuarial assumptions. As described above, the PERA Fund member group pension liabilities and net pension liabilities are based on actuarial valuations performed as of June 30, 2022 for each of the membership groups. Then each PERA Fund member group pension liability was rolled forward from the valuation date to the Plan year ending June 30, 2022 using generally accepted actuarial principles. There were no significant events or changes in benefit provisions that required an adjustment to the roll-forward liabilities as of 2022. These actuarial methods and assumptions were adopted by the Board for use in the 2022 actuarial valuation.

Actuarial valuation date Actuarial cost method Amortization method Payroll growth rate Remaining amortization period Asset valuation method Actuarial assumptions:	June 30, 2021 Entry age normal Level percent of payroll, Open 3.00% 25 years 4-year Smoothed Market
Administrative expenses Projected salary increases* Post-retirement benefit increases	 7.25% .50% of payroll 3.25% - 13.50% 1.60% compounded annually beginning 7/1/2023 (2.5% for certain retirees and disabled participants age 75 or older or with annual benefits less than \$25,000)

*Includes inflation at 2.50%.

For PERA Fund Municipal General Division, at June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$1,256,318 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability.

Discount rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that future contributions will be made in accordance with statutory rates. On this basis, the pension plan's fiduciary net position together with the expected future contributions are sufficient to provide all projected future benefit payments of current plan members as determined in accordance with GASB'S 67. Therefore, the 7.25% assumed 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.

8. PERA PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following tables show the sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. In particular, the tables present the District's net pension liability in each PERA Fund Division that South Central Regional Transit District participates in, under the current single rate assumption, as if it were calculated using a discount rate one percentage point lower (6.25%) or one percentage point higher (8.25%) than the single discount rate.

Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate:

The following presents the net pension liability of South Central Regional Transit District, calculated using the discount rate of 7.25 percent, as well as what District's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.25 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.25 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease		Current		1% Increase		
	<u>6.25%</u>		<u>7.25%</u>		<u>8.25%</u>		
Net Pension Liability	\$	1,901,078	\$	1,256,318	\$	720,692	

In June 30, 2023 \$87,752, deferred outflows - contributions made after measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of net pension liability. Other deferred amounts to be recognized in fiscal years following the reporting date are below:

Year Ended June 30:

2023 2024 2025 2026	\$ 170,106 99,993 (25,594) 98,169
Total	\$ 342,674

Additional information on PERA, and the Actuarial assumptions may be found at: https://www.nmpera.org/assets/uploads/downloads/NewMexicoPERA23.pdf

9. LOANS

The District has a \$60,000 on demand commercial loan with Bank of the West. The loan bears interest monthly at a rate of 16.50%. At June 30, 2023, the District had an outstanding balance of \$60,000.

The annual requirements to amortize the loans as of June 30, 2023, including interest payments are as follows:

June 30:	Principal		 Interest		Total
2024	\$	60,000	\$ -	\$	60,000
2025		-	-		-
2026		-	-		-
2027		-	-		-
2028		-	 -		
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	\$	74,091	\$ -	\$	74,091

10. LEASES

Lease Liability

Lease liability for 2 canon printers originating on 11/4/2019 with	
a 5 year term and explicit interest borrowing rate of 1.50%.	 3,286
Total lease liability	\$ 3,286

The following is a summary of the lease obligation and the activity for the year ended June 30, 2023:

	Balance June 30, 2022	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2023	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities: Canon printers	4,892	_	1,606	3,286	1,631
Total governmental activities	\$ 4,892	\$ -	\$ 1,606	\$ 3,286	\$ 1,631

10. LEASES (CONTINUED)

The annual requirements to amortize the lease of the canon printers outstanding as of June 30, 2023, including interest payments with interest rates of 1.50% are as follows:

Years ending June 30,	Principal		Interest		Total	
2023 2024	\$	1,631 1,655	\$	49 25	\$	1,680 1,680
	\$	3,286	\$	74	\$	3,360

11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through December 14, 2023 the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

On December 7, 2023 the District submitted an offer for purchase of a property previously being leased in the amount of \$1,840,000.

12. CONTINGENCIES

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

13. TAX ABATEMENTS

There are no tax abatements to report under GASB 77.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (PERA) PLAN PERA MUNICIPAL GENERAL DIVISION LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	 2020	 2021	 2022	2023
The South Central Regional Transit District's proportion of the net pension liability	\$ 590,305	\$ 944,380	\$ 719,760	\$ 1,256,318
The South Central Regional Transit District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	0.03410%	0.0467%	0.0639%	0.0708%
The South Central Regional Transit District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 576,914	\$ 788,671	\$ 849,965	\$ 1,078,918
The South Central Regional Transit District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	102.32 %	119.74 %	84.68 %	116.44 %
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	70.52 %	66.36 %	77.25 %	69.35 %

*The amounts presented were determined as of June 30. This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, The South Central Regional Transit District will present information for those years for which information is available.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF VILLAGE OF COLUMBUS' CONTRIBUTIONS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (PERA) PLAN PERA MUNICIPAL GENERAL DIVISION LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS* FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	 2020	 2021		2022		2023
Contractually required contribution	\$ 41,865	\$ 57,605	\$	65,002	\$	87,752
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	 41,865	 57,605		65,002		87,752
Contribution deficiency (excess)	-	-		-		-
The South Central Regional Transit District' covered-employee payroll	\$ 576,914	\$ 788,671	<u>\$</u>	849,965	<u>\$1</u>	,078,918
Contributions as a percentage of covered- employee payroll	 <u>7.26</u> %	 <u>7.30</u> %		<u>7.65</u> %		<u>8.13</u> %

* This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the South Central Regional Transit District will present information for those years for which information is available.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Changes of benefit terms. The PERA Fund COLA and retirement eligibility benefits changes in recent years are described in Note 1 of the PERA FY2022 audit available at https://www.nmpera.org

Changes of assumptions. The Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) of the NEW Mexico Annual Actuarial Valuation as of See accompanying notes to financial statements is available at http://www.nmpera.org/

COMPLIANCE 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

Mr. Joseph M. Maestas, P.E. State Auditor of the State of New Mexico The Board of Directors South Central Regional Transit District Anthony, New Mexico

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the budgetary comparisons of the general fund of South Central Regional Transit District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of South Central Regional Transit District, and have issued our report thereon dated December 14, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, of the financial statements, we considered South Central Regional Transit District's internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of South Central Regional Transit District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of South Central Regional Transit 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 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 were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2023-003 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether South Central Regional Transit 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 result of our tests disclosed no instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2023-001, 2023-002, 2023-004.

South Central Regional Transit District's Response to Findings

The District's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The district's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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 result 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.

Blasley, Mitchell & Co. Lof

Beasley, Mitchell & Co. Las Cruces, New Mexico December 14, 2023



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

Mr. Joseph M. Maestas, P.E. State Auditor of the State of New Mexico The Board of Directors South Central Regional Transit District Anthony, New Mexico

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited South Central Regional Transit District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the Uniform Grant Guidance that could have a direct and material effect on each of South Central Regional Transit District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. South Central Regional Transit District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, South Central Regional Transit District 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 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of South Central Regional Transit District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of South Central Regional Transit District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to South Central Regional Transit District's federal programs.



Auditors Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on South Central Regional Transit District's compliance based on our audit. 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 generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about South Central Regional Transit District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 South Central Regional Transit District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of South Central Regional Transit District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of South Central Regional Transit District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-002. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on South Central Regional Transit District's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. South Central Regional Transit District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency or a combination of 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 is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that weaknesses or significant to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance that weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

Blasley, Mitchell & Co. LSP

Beasley, Mitchell & Co., LLP Las Cruces, New Mexico December 14, 2023

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

Federal Grantor Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number State ID Number		
New Mexico Department of Transportation			
Pass-through New Mexico Department of Transportation			
Formula Grants for Rural Areas *	20.509	MO1791/MO1833/ MO1059	\$ 1,006,217
Pass-through New Mexico Department of Transportation Transit Program Cluster			
Bus and Bus Facilities Formula & Discretionary Programs	20.526	MO1733/MO1791/ MO1833	414,418
Total New Mexico Department of Transportation			<u>\$ 1,420,635</u>
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)			
CPG- Metropolitan Planning Program	20.505	MO1791	7,977
Total Federal Financial Assistance			\$ <u>1,428,612</u>

* Indicates a major program

STATE OF NEW MEXICO South Central Regional Transit District NOTES TO THE EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of the South Central Regional Transit District for the year ended June 30, 2023 and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule only presents a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the South Central Regional Transit District.

2. COST RATE

The District did not use the 10% de minims cost rate for the current year.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Section 1 - Summary of Auditors' Results

<i>Financial Statements</i> Type of auditors' report issued:	Unmodified			
Internal control over financial reporting:				
Material weakness (es) identified?	No			
 Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? 	Yes			
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	Yes			
Federal Awards Type of auditors' report issued: Internal control over major programs	Unmodified			
 Material weakness (es) identified? Significant deficiencies identified that are not 	No			
considered to be material weaknesses?	No			
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance with major programs:	Unmodified			
• Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Grant Guidance?	Yes			
Identification of Major Programs: Federal Assistance Listing Number	Name of Federal Program or Cluster			
20.509	Formula Grants for Rural areas and Tribal Transit Program			
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs	<u>\$ 750,000</u>			
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee	Yes			

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF CURRENT AND PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Section II - Federal Awards Findings:

Prior year findings	Current Status
None	

Current audit findings

2023-002	Timeliness of Schedule of Expenditures and Federal	New
	Awards (SEFA) - Other Non- Compliance	

Financial Statements Findings:

Prior audit findings		Current status
2022-001	Compliance with Accrued Leave Policies - Other Non- Compliance	Modified and Repeated

Current audit findings

2023-001 (2022-001)	Compliance with Accrued Leave Policies - Other Non- Compliance	Modified and Repeated
2023-003	Capital Assets - Significant Deficiency	New
2023-004	Legal Compliance with Budget - Other- Non- Compliance	New

2023-001 (2022-001) Compliance With Accrued Leave Policies - Other Non- Compliance

CONDITION The District failed to comply with accrued leave policies. One employee exceeded the maximum allowed accrued PTO of 180 hours.

The district has made progress in this finding, adjustments to PTO balances were made and a review processes is being implemented.

- **CRITERIA** The Auditing Standards (AU) Section 325 Exhibit B lists the following circumstance as a possible control deficiency, significant deficiency, or material weakness: "Failure in the operation of effectively designed controls over a significant account or process."
- **CAUSE** The District failed to operate the internal controls in place to cap the maximum allowed accrued PTO time.
- **EFFECT** Failure to follow internal policy of compensated absences can cause the District to over pay compensated absence liabilities.
- **RECOMMENDATION** It is recommended that all compensated absence balances are reviewed while conducting payroll processes.
- **RESPONSE** The employee has been informed and the employee leave bank has been addressed. District staff are monitoring leave absences during each payroll period.

2023-002 Timeliness of Schedule of Expenditures and Federal Awards (SEFA) - Other Non-Compliance

- **CONDITION** The District did not provide a complete Schedule of Expenditures and Federal Awards (SEFA) by the scheduled audit fieldwork date. A complete and accurate SEFA was provided months after the scheduled audit fieldwork date, with assistance from the auditor.
- **CRITERIA** According to the Single Audit Act and the Uniform Guidance for entities that expend more than \$750,000 in federal awards during a fiscal year. A SEFA should be prepared by the entity for the same period as its financial statements, and should be based on the same accounting principles as the financial statements. The entity should also maintain adequate documentation and records to support the amounts reported in the SEFA. The SEFA reports the total amount of federal awards expended by the entity, as well as other information such as the program name, the federal agency, the assistance listing number, the pass-through entity, and the amount passed through to subrecipients.
- **CAUSE** The District has experienced a lot of growth in the past couple of years. District personnel was very occupied during fieldwork week.
- **EFFECT** The District is not in compliance with 2.2.2.10 (A) NMAC (1). Timeliness of receipt of SEFA can affect the audit submission date.
- **RECOMMENDATION** We recommend that the District have a SEFA ready before audit fieldwork is scheduled and avoid scheduling on a date where other commitments are anticipated.
- **RESPONSE** Staff were not aware of the need to conduct the work required and as such did not have sufficient time based on the audit fieldwork timeline provided. In the future, the SEFA will be done in advance of the audit schedule to provide sufficient time to execute the work and to coordinate efforts with the auditor.

2023-003 Capital Assets - Significant Deficiency

CONDITION The capital asset additions list provided by the District was incomplete and inaccurate. Supporting documentation on capital asset additions was not readily available and capital outlay had not been reconciled to the District's trial balance. The District and IPA were able to identify and reconcile all capital outlay items before issuance of the audit report. Further, accurate capital assets were not certified by the council.

CRITERIA Under The New Mexico Statutes Section 12-6-10:

- 1) Agencies must conduct a physical inventory of movable chattels and equipment costing over \$5,000 at the end of each fiscal year.
- 2) Items costing \$5,000 or less are not required to be listed in the inventory.
- 3) The inventory should list chattels and equipment along with the date and cost of acquisition.
- 4) The general services department is responsible for establishing inventory accounting standards and rules.

Donated assets should be recorded at their fair market value, which is the price that a willing buyer and seller would agree to in an open and unrestricted market.

- **CAUSE** The District has experienced a lot of growth in the past couple of years, procedures on capital asset reporting are being established.
- **EFFECT** The District is not in compliance with 12-6-10.
- **RECOMMENDATION** We recommend that the District designate the responsibility of tracking capital asset additions to one person and have the Finance Officer review the list and supporting documentation on a monthly basis.
- **RESPONSE** The District will execute the recommendation provided by the auditor and identify an employee to track all capital assets. This review is conducted by a team before June 30th each year with board review and approval of the annual inventory list at the June 2023 board meeting. This effort is required by both the NMDOT and FTA auditors and SCRTD has complied with state and federal auditors for the past six years.

2023-004 Legal Compliance with Budget - Other Non- Compliance

- **CONDITION** The Department of Finance (DFA) quarterly report did not include the budget for the portion of capital outlay purchases paid by NMDOT, resulting in expenses exceeding the budget by \$531,822.
- **CRITERIA** Section 6-6-6 NMSA 1978 requires the District to keep expenditures within the approved budget.
- **CAUSE** The District did not submit a BAR adjustment to DFA before year end.
- **EFFECT** The District may not have accurate information for planning activities and cash flows in the funds that exceeded the budget.
- **RECOMMENDATION** The District should review capital outlay purchases and submit a BAR adjustment to DFA at year end.
- **RESPONSE** The district works closely with DFA and provides quarterly updates upon approval by the board of directors in the month following the end of the quarter. Staff will ensure that all capital outlay purchases paid by NMDOT are included in the year-end closeout of annual funds.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023



830 Anthony Drive, Anthony NM 88023

December 14, 2023

South Central Regional Transit District respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ending on June 30, 2023.

Name and address of independent public accounting firm: Beasley, Mitchell & Co. PO Box 550 Las Cruces, NM 88001

The finding from the June 30, 2023, schedule of findings is discussed below. The finding is numbered consistently with the numbers assigned in the schedule.

FINDINGS—FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

2023-002 (2022-001) Compliance with Accrued Leave Policies - Other Non - Compliance

Condition: The District failed to comply with accrued leave policies. One employee exceeded the maximum allowed accrued PTO of 180 hours.

Auditors' Recommendation: It is recommended that all compensated absences be reviewed while conducting payroll processes.

Corrective Action:

The employee has been informed and the employee leave bank has been addressed. District staff are monitoring leave absences during each payroll period.

2023-002 Timeliness of Schedule of Expenditures and Federal Awards (SEFA) - Other Non-Compliance

Condition: The District did not provide a complete Schedule of Expenditures and Federal Awards (SEFA) by the scheduled audit fieldwork date. A complete and accurate SEFA was provided months after the scheduled audit fieldwork date, with assistance from the auditor.

Auditor's Recommendation: We recommend that the District have a SEFA ready before audit fieldwork is scheduled and avoid scheduling on a date where other commitments are anticipated.

Corrective Action:

Staff were not aware of the need to conduct the work required and as such did not have sufficient time based on the audit fieldwork timeline provided. In the future, the SEFA will be done in advance of the audit schedule to provide sufficient time to execute the work and to coordinate efforts with the auditor.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

2023-003 Capital Assets - Significant Deficiency

Condition: The capital asset additions list provided by the District was incomplete and inaccurate. Supporting documentation on capital asset additions was not readily available and capital outlay had not been reconciled to the District's trial balance. The District and IPA were able to identify and reconcile all capital outlay items before the issuance of the audit report. Further, accurate capital assets were not certified by the council.

Auditor's Recommendation: We recommend that the District designate the responsibility of tracking capital asset additions to one person and have the Finance Officer review the list and supporting documentation on a monthly basis.

Corrective Action:

The District will execute the recommendation provided by the auditor and identify an employee to track all capital assets. This review is conducted by a team before June 30th each year with board review and approval of the annual inventory list at the June 2023 board meeting. This effort is required by both the NMDOT and FTA auditors and SCRTD has complied with state and federal auditors for the past six years.

2023-004 Legal Compliance with Budget - Other Non- Compliance

Condition: The Department of Finance (DFA) quarterly report did not include the budget for the portion of capital outlay purchases paid by NMDOT, resulting in expenses exceeding the budget by \$531,822.

Auditors' Recommendation: The District should review capital outlay purchases and submit a BAR adjustment to DFA at year-end.

Corrective Action:

The district works closely with DFA and provides quarterly updates upon approval by the board of directors in the month following the end of the quarter. Staff will ensure that all outlay purchases paid by NMDOT are included in the year-end closeout of annual funds. The single audit is still a new process for the district so improved coordination with the NMDOT is warranted.

Sincerely,

David Armijo

David Armijo Executive Director

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT ENTRANCE AND EXIT CONFERENCE AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

An entrance conference was conducted October 10, 2023 in a closed meeting pursuant to Section 12-6-5 NMSA, 1978 with the following individuals in attendance:

South Central Regional Transit District

David Armijo Javier Perea Adam S. Shea Executive Director Board President Finance Officer

Beasley, Mitchell & Co., LLP

Itza Sosa, CPA Yusell Herrera Senior Auditor Staff Accountant

An exit conference was conducted December 14, 2023 in a closed meeting pursuant to Section 12-6-5 NMSA, 1978 with the following individuals in attendance:

South Central Regional Transit District

Javier Perea Adam S. Shea Board President Finance Officer

Beasley, Mitchell & Co., LLP

Itza Sosa, CPA

Senior Auditor

FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION

The financial statements of the South Central Regional Transit District as of, and for the year ended, June 30, 2023 were prepared by Beasley, Mitchell & Co., LLP, with the aid of responsible District management. Official responsible personnel agree that the presentations are made with their knowledge and agreement.