

To the Board of Directors
Webb County – City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority

We have audited the financial statements of Webb County City of Laredo RMA (the “Authority”) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and *Government Auditing Standards*), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated October 24, 2020. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

SIGNIFICANT AUDIT MATTERS

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Authority are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended September 30, 2020. We noted no transactions entered into by the Authority during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

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

There were no significant estimates used in the preparation of the financial statements.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements relate to Note 2: *Cash and investments* and Note 8: *Commitments and contingent liabilities*.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, our firm, and our network firms have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence. The threat of management participation and self-review for providing non attest services (i.e., preparation of the financial statements) was reduced to an acceptable level by 1) management’s review and acceptance for the responsibility of the financial statements and 2) Cherry Bekaert LLP’s use of a qualified second partner review.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Attachment A summarizes uncorrected misstatements of the financial statements. Management has determined that their effects are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. In addition, there were no material, corrected misstatements that we identified as a result of our audit procedures that were brought to the attention of, and corrected by, management.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 18, 2020.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Authority's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Authority's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

OTHER MATTERS

We applied certain limited procedures to Management's Discussion and Analysis, which is required supplementary information ("RSI") that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described below as item 2020-01, that we consider to be a significant deficiency:

- Finding 2020-01 – Certain revenue transactions from grant contracts were not evaluated for accrual in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management of the Authority and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Austin, Texas
December 18, 2020

Attachment A — Summary of Uncorrected Financial Statement Misstatements

Account	Description	Debit	Credit
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Proposed Journal Entries

Proposed Journal Entries JE # 1

To record TxDOT grant reimbursement revenue in the correction period.

4100	TxDOT Reimb - North Cnty Study	206,889.00	
3000	Restricted Net Assets		206,889.00
Total		<u>206,889.00</u>	<u>206,889.00</u>

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REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

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As of and for the Year Ended September 30, 2020

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Report of Independent Auditor

To the Governing Body
Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority
Laredo, Texas

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (the "Authority"), which comprise the statement of net position as of September 30, 2020 and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority as of September 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 through 6 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 18, 2020 on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cheng Zouant LLP".

Austin, Texas
December 18, 2020

WEBB COUNTY-CITY OF LAREDO REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)

SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

The Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (the "Authority") presents the following discussion and analysis of the Authority's financial activities during the fiscal year that ended September 30, 2020. Please read it in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

Financial Highlights

- The Authority receives funds from Webb County from vehicle registration fees. This created an increase in restricted cash and restricted investments from 2019 to 2020 of \$9.4 million to \$9.7 million, respectively.
- Total revenue decreased from \$2.04 million to \$2.00 million from 2019 to 2020, respectively.
- Current projects include the Los Presidentes project, with a budget of \$1.89 million, and the Killam Turning Lanes project, with a budget of \$1.10 million. The Los Presidentes and Killam Turning Lanes projects will be in the initial stages of construction in 2021.
- Total operating expenses were approximately \$1,778,000 and \$961,000 in 2020 and 2019, respectively.
- Investments in short-term certificate of deposits valued at \$6,078,000 have maturities of three months or less and are classified as cash and cash equivalents in 2020.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The financial section of this annual report consists of three parts: management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and the notes to the financial statements.

The financial statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the Authority's overall financial status. The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data.

The basic financial statements are designed to provide readers with an overview of the Authority's finances in a manner similar to private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the Authority's assets and deferred outflows, as well as the Authority's liabilities and deferred inflows with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator whether the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating. The statement of net position can be found on page 7 of this report.

The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position presents information showing how the Authority's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Therefore, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows for future fiscal periods. The increase or decrease in net position may serve as an indicator of the effect of the Authority's current year operations on its financial position. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position can be found on page 8 of this report.

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The statement of cash flows summarizes all of the Authority's cash flows into three categories as applicable: 1) cash flows from operating activities, 2) cash flows from capital and related financing activities, and 3) cash flows from investing activities. The statement of cash flows can be found on page 9 of this report. The statement of cash flows, along with the related notes and information in other financial statements, can be useful in assessing the following:

- The Authority's ability to generate future cash flows
- The Authority's ability to pay its debt as the debt matures
- Reasons for the difference between the Authority's operating cash flows and operating income
- The impact of the Authority's financial position of cash and noncash transactions from investing, capital, and financing activities

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found starting on page 10 of this report.

The Authority's financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) as applied to governmental units on an accrual basis. Under this basis, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned, expenses are recognized in the period in which they are incurred, and depreciation of assets is recognized in the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the Authority are included in the statements of net position.

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Financial Analysis of the Authority

Net Position

The Authority’s total net position was approximately \$10.29 million and \$9.56 million as of September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively (See Table A-1). In 2020, total net position increased 8% to \$10.29 million and total liabilities decreased 54% to approximately \$86,000. The increase in total net position of \$.73 million is the result of the 2020 change in net position.

Table A-1
Condensed Schedule of Net Position
(in thousands of dollars)

	2020	2019
Restricted assets	\$ 10,377	\$ 9,749
Capital assets	-	-
Total assets	<u>10,377</u>	<u>9,749</u>
Total liabilities	<u>86</u>	<u>185</u>
Net position:		
Invested in capital assets	-	-
Restricted for other purposes	<u>10,291</u>	<u>9,564</u>
Total net position	<u>10,291</u>	<u>9,564</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u>\$ 10,377</u>	<u>\$ 9,749</u>

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MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Changes in Net Position

Changes in net position as of September 30, 2020 and 2019 were approximately \$.73 million and \$1.12 million, respectively. Total change in net position decreased in 2020 by 35%. The Authority’s total revenues for the year ended September 30, 2020 were \$2.00 million, a decrease of 2% from 2019, and total expenses were \$1,792,000, an increase of 86% from 2019. The Authority’s total other income for the year ended September 30, 2020 was \$.52 million, an increase of 1,114% from 2019. See Table A-2.

Table A-2
Condensed Schedule of Changes in Net Position
(in thousands of dollars)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Revenues:		
Vehicle registration fee revenue	\$ 1,997	\$ 2,037
Total revenues	<u>1,997</u>	<u>2,037</u>
Expenses:		
Professional services	1,778	960
Other operating expenses	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,792</u>	<u>961</u>
Other income:		
Investment income	35	43
TxDOT capital grants and contributions	<u>487</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other income	<u>522</u>	<u>43</u>
Change in net position	727	1,119
Total net position, beginning of year	<u>9,564</u>	<u>8,445</u>
Total net position, end of year	<u>\$ 10,291</u>	<u>\$ 9,564</u>

Contacting The Authority’s Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide interested parties with a general overview of the Authority’s finances and to demonstrate the Authority’s accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority, 7917 McPherson Road, Suite 203, Laredo, TX 78045.

**WEBB COUNTY-CITY OF LAREDO
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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Restricted:

Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 9,653,932
Accounts receivable	<u>723,040</u>
Total Restricted Assets	<u>10,376,972</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 10,376,972</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

Current Liabilities:

Payable from restricted current assets	
Accounts payable	<u>\$ 85,595</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>85,595</u>

Net Position:

Investment in capital assets	-
Restricted for other purposes	<u>10,291,377</u>
Total Net Position	<u>10,291,377</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u><u>\$ 10,376,972</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Operating Revenues:	
Vehicle registration fees	\$ 1,997,310
Total Operating Revenues	<u>1,997,310</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Professional services	1,778,263
Other operating expenses	<u>14,369</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>1,792,632</u>
Other Income:	
Investment income	35,503
TxDOT capital grants and contributions	<u>486,743</u>
Total Other Income	<u>522,246</u>
Change in net position	726,924
Total net position, beginning of year	<u>9,564,453</u>
Total net position, end of year	<u><u>\$ 10,291,377</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Cash flows from operating activities:

Receipts from vehicle registration fees	\$ 1,622,720
Receipts from other income	522,246
Payments to professionals	(1,876,719)
Payments of other operating expenses	(14,369)
Net cash flows from operating activities	<u>253,878</u>

Cash flows from capital and related financing activities

-

Cash flows from investing activities

-

Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	253,878
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>9,400,054</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u><u>\$ 9,653,932</u></u>

Reconciliation of change in net position to net cash provided by operating activities:

Change in net position	<u>\$ 726,924</u>
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Increase in accounts receivable	(374,590)
Decrease in accounts payable	(98,456)
Total adjustments	<u>(473,046)</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities	<u><u>\$ 253,878</u></u>

Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents:

Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents	\$ -
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>9,653,932</u>
	<u><u>\$ 9,653,932</u></u>

WEBB COUNTY-CITY OF LAREDO REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Note 1—Organization and summary of significant accounting policies

The financial statements of the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (the “Authority”) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Authority’s accounting policies are described below:

Reporting Entity – The Authority was authorized by the state of Texas in 2014. The Authority is authorized to finance, acquire, design, construct, operate, maintain, expand, or extend transportation projects within the Webb County-City of Laredo region. The Authority receives its revenues from vehicle registration fees collected by Webb County. The Authority may issue revenue bonds for the purpose of paying the costs of turnpike projects.

The Authority was formed jointly by the City of Laredo (the “City”) and Webb County (the “County”). Their efforts began in August 2013, following the enactment of provisions by the 77th Texas Legislature authorizing the formation of regional mobility authorities (“RMAs”). The petition to form the Authority was filed by the County, and the Texas Transportation Commission granted approval for its formation in February 2014. The City and the County appointed their initial Board of Directors in November 2014. The County appointed four directors, the City of Laredo appointed three directors, and the Governor appointed the presiding officer. The members are appointed in belief that the composition of the board and the common interest in the region shared by all board members will result in adequate representation of all political subdivisions within the geographic area of the RMA and serve without pay for terms of two years. The Authority has full control over all operations but must comply with certain bond indentures and trust agreements. The Authority has not had any employees since inception and currently relies on the combined efforts of the presiding officer and consultants to manage the day-to-day operations.

In evaluating how to define the Authority, for financial reporting purposes, management has determined there are no entities over which the Authority exercises significant influence. Significant influence or accountability is based primarily on operational or financial relationships with the Authority. Since the Authority does not exercise significant influence or accountability over other entities, it has no component units.

Liquidity – As of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, the Authority reported cash on hand of \$9,653,932, revenue of \$1,997,310, and a change in net position of \$726,924. Management believes its cash on hand and anticipated 2021 operating results will sufficient to fund its operations for the next twelve months.

Basis of Accounting – The operations of the Authority are accounted for within a single proprietary (enterprise) fund through which all financial activities are recorded. The measurement focus for an enterprise fund is the flow of economic resources. An enterprise fund follows the accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, all assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows and outflows of resources associated with the operations are included on the statement of net position. Net position (i.e., total assets and deferred outflows net of total liabilities and deferred inflows) is segregated into amounts of net investment in capital assets, amounts restricted for capital activity, and debt service pursuant to the bond indenture and amounts which are unrestricted. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned, expenses are recognized in the period in which they are incurred, and depreciation of capital assets is recognized.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Note 1—Organization and summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Cash and Investments – Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. The Authority’s investment practices are governed by state statutes, the Authority’s own investment policy and bond indentures, and the Texas Public Funds Investment Act. Investments in debt securities are reported at fair value based on pricing service modeling for fixed income securities. Certificates of deposit held for investment that are not debt securities are included in “investments –other.” Certificates of deposit with original maturities greater than three months and remaining maturities less than one year are classified as “short-term investments – other.” Certificates of deposit with remaining maturities greater than one year are classified as “long-term investments – other.” The net change in fair value of investments is recorded on the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and includes the unrealized and realized gains and losses on investments.

Fair Value – The Authority utilizes various methods to measure the fair value of investments on a recurring basis and uses a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation methods. The three levels of inputs are:

Level 1 – Inputs are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities that the Authority has the ability to access.

Level 2 – Inputs are observable other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These inputs may include quoted prices for the identical instrument in an inactive market, prices for similar instruments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, yield curves, default rates, and similar data.

Level 3 – Inputs are unobservable for the asset or liability, to the extent relevant observable inputs are not available, representing the Authority’s own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in valuing the asset or liability, and would be based on the best information available.

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3.

The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety, is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. Investments measured at net asset value do not have significant terms or conditions for redemption or commitment for additional funding. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include property and equipment, right-of-way, and toll roads, are reported at cost. Capital assets acquired through contributions, such as those from developers or other governments, are recorded at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation. Capital assets are defined as assets with initial, individual costs exceeding \$2,500 to \$20,000, depending on the asset category. The Authority held no capital assets as of September 30, 2020.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Note 1—Organization and summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Capital Asset</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Roads and bridges	40 years
Improvements	5-20 years
Buildings	20-30 years
Equipment	3-10 years

A full month's depreciation is taken in the month an asset is placed in service. When property and equipment are disposed, the cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts, and the resulting gain or loss, if any, is recorded in operations. The Authority capitalizes interest cost of restricted tax-exempt borrowings less any interest earned on temporary investment of the proceeds of those borrowings from the date of borrowing until the specified qualifying assets acquired with those borrowings are ready for their intended use. The Authority tests for impairment of capital assets when significant, unexpected decline in service utility occurs.

Grants and Contributions – Revenues from grants and contributions are cash and noncash which may include the following: (1) capital grants and contributions which are restricted revenues whose resources may only be spent to purchase, build, or use capital assets for specified programs or (2) operating grants and contributions which are restricted in the way they may be spent for operations of a particular program.

The Authority entered into a construction contract with TxDOT for the construction of roadways using Highway Planning and Construction federal funding and certain state funding for transportation improvements. During the year ended September 30, 2020, the Authority recognized capital grants and contributions of approximately \$.49 million from TxDOT. Revenues from federal and state cost reimbursement grants and contracts are recognized as earned when all eligibility requirements, including incurring allowable expenditures, have been met.

On August 17, 2015, the Authority entered into an inter-local agreement with the County of Webb, Texas relating to optional vehicle registration fees for funding transportation improvements within Webb County. During the year ended September 30, 2020, the Authority recognized revenue of approximately \$2 million from Webb County, Texas.

Restricted Assets – Certain proceeds of the Authority are classified as restricted assets in the statement of net position and their use is limited by applicable agreements. When the proceeds are restricted for the acquisition or construction of noncurrent assets or are restricted for liquidation of long-term debt, they are further classified as noncurrent restricted assets. The Authority's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available. In the financial statements, restricted net position is reported for amounts that are externally restricted by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws, and regulations of other governments or law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

Income Taxes – The Authority is an instrumentality of the state of Texas. As such, income earned in the exercise of its essential government functions is exempt from state or federal income taxes. Bond obligations issued by state and local governments are tax-exempt only if the issuers pay rebate to the federal government of the earnings on the investment of the proceeds of a tax-exempt issue in excess of the yield on such obligations and any income earned on such excess.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Note 1—Organization and summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Classification of Operating and Non-operating Revenue and Expenses – The Authority defines operating revenues and expenses as those revenues and expenses generated by a specified program offering either a good or service. This definition is consistent with the codification of Government and Financial Reporting Standards which defines operating receipts as cash receipts from customers and other cash receipts that do not result from transactions defined as capital and related financing, non-capital financing, or investing activities. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenue and expenses.

Estimates – The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. There were no significant estimates in the preparation of the financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020.

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources – The Authority classifies as deferred inflows of resources items that represent acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as revenue until then. The Authority classifies as deferred outflows of resources of certain items that represent a consumption of resources that applies to a future period and, therefore, will not be recognized as an expense until then. There were no deferred inflows or outflows of resources in the preparation of the financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020.

Subsequent Events – The Authority evaluates events that occur subsequent to the statement of financial position date of periodic reports, but before financial statements are issued for periods ending on such dates, for possible adjustment to such financial statements or other disclosure. This evaluation generally occurs through the date at which the Authority’s financial statements are available for issuance. For the financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, this date was December 18, 2020.

Note 2—Cash and investments

The Authority’s board has adopted an investment policy to set forth the factors involved in the management of investment assets for the Authority. The Authority seeks to mitigate risk by investing in compliance with the investment policy, qualifying the broker or financial institution with whom the Authority will transact, maintain sufficient collateralization, portfolio diversification, and limiting maturity.

The Authority had the following cash and investments as of September 30, 2020:

<u>Summary of Investments by Type</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$9,653,932</u>
Total cash and investments	<u><u>\$9,653,932</u></u>
Restricted current cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$9,653,932</u>
Total cash and investments	<u><u>\$9,653,932</u></u>

As of September 30, 2020, the Authority had \$6,078,427 invested in certificate of deposits maturing in three months or less and are, therefore, included in cash and cash equivalents. Deposit and investment resources are exposed to risks that have the potential to result in losses that could impact the delivery of the Authority’s services.

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Note 2—Cash and investments (continued)

Custodial Credit Risk – Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Authority will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover its collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At September 30, 2020, the carrying amount and the bank balance of the Authority's cash and cash equivalents was \$9,653,932. While the Authority has no formal policy specific to custodial credit risk, the Authority was fully collateralized with pledged securities for amounts in excess of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limit for the year ended September 30, 2020.

Credit Risk – Is the risk than an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations to the Authority. To help mitigate credit risk, credit quality guidelines are incorporated into the investment policy, as follows:

- Limiting investments to the safest types of securities, as listed above under the *Concentration of Credit Risk* section; and
- Pre-qualifying the financial institutions, brokers/dealers, intermediaries, and advisors with which the Authority will do business.

Concentration of Credit Risk – Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the Authority's investment in a single issuer. The Authority is authorized to invest funds in accordance with its investment policy, and the Texas Public Funds Investment Act. Authorized investments include, but are not limited to: U.S. Treasury and federal agency issues, certificates of deposit issued by a state or national bank domiciled in the state of Texas, repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury or federal agency securities, guaranteed investment contracts (GICs), obligations of states and municipalities, Securities and Exchange Commission registered no-load money market mutual funds, and local government investment funds. The Authority's investments are insured or registered and are held by the Authority or its agent in the Authority's name.

Interest Rate Risk – Interest rate risk is the risk that the changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Interest rate risk may be mitigated by investing operating funds primarily in shorter term securities, money market funds or similar investment pools and limiting the average maturity of the portfolio.

The Authority's investment policy notes with regard to maximum maturities, the Authority will attempt to match its individual investments with anticipated cash flow requirements of each fund. The maximum stated maturity of an individual investment may not exceed five years, unless approved by the Authority's Board.

Note 3—Receivables

Receivables of \$723,040 consist of current vehicle registration fees due from Webb County at September 30, 2020. Vehicle registration fees are considered fully collectible and, therefore, no allowance for uncollectible fees is provided.

Note 4—Disaggregation of receivable and payable balances

Receivables are comprised of current intergovernmental receivables due from Webb County representing 100% of the balance at September 30, 2020. Payable balances are comprised of 100% current payables to vendors at September 30, 2020.

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Note 5—Related parties

Webb County appointed four directors to the Authority's Board of Directors. Additionally, the Authority recognized revenue of \$1,997,310 from vehicle registration fees from Webb County during the year ended September 30, 2020. The Authority has receivables of \$723,040 from Webb County as of September 30, 2020.

Note 6—Concentrations

The Authority's major source of revenue in the year ending September 30, 2020 was from Webb County vehicle registration fees aggregating \$1,997,310 and 79% of total revenue.

Note 7—Risk management

In conjunction with its normal operations, the Authority is exposed to various risks related to the damage or destruction of its assets from both natural and man-made occurrences, tort/liability claims, errors and omissions claims, and professional liability claims. As a result of these exposures, the Authority carries insurance. All categories of insurance coverage in place were either maintained at current levels or increased as to overall limits of coverage and reduction of self-retained risk so as to reduce the overall exposure of risk to the Authority.

Note 8—Commitments and contingent liabilities

The Authority has a capital improvement program for roadway construction projects extending into future years. As of September 30, 2020, the Authority has a capital budget of approximately \$6.00 million for future non-toll projects consisting of: \$4.00 million for the Vallecillo Road project, \$1.89 million for the Los Presidentes project, and \$110,000 for the Killam Turning Lanes project.

**Report of Independent Auditor 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 Governing Body
Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority
Laredo, Texas

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (the "Authority") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2020.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting ("internal control") as a basis for designing the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described below as item 2019-01, that we consider to be a significant deficiency:

- Finding 2020-01 – Certain revenue transactions from grant contracts were not evaluated for accrual in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The Authority's Response to Findings

The Authority's response to the finding identified in our audit is described below. The Authority'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.

In response to the finding previously noted, management will review revenue transactions related to grant contracts to ensure that revenue is recognized as earned when all eligibility requirements, including incurring allowable expenditures, have been met.

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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Zerkant" followed by a stylized flourish.

Austin, Texas
December 18, 2020