

EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Eastern Sierra Transit Authority
Bishop, California

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA), which comprise the statement of net position as of June 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.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Eastern Sierra Transit Authority as of June 30, 2020, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows 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, schedule of ESTA's proportionate share of the net pension liability and schedule of contributions, and other postemployment benefits (OPEB) plan schedule of changes in ESTA's net OPEB liability and related ratios 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 January 7, 2021, on our consideration of ESTA'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 ESTA's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering ESTA's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Roseville, California
January 7, 2021

**EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2020**

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) financial performance provides an introduction to the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020. The information contained in this MD&A should be considered in conjunction with the information contained in ESTA's financial statements.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ESTA's financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. ESTA is structured as an enterprise fund. ESTA's revenues are recognized when earned, not when received. Expenses are recognized when incurred, not when paid. Capital assets are capitalized and, with the exception of land, are depreciated over their useful lives. See the notes to the financial statements for a summary of ESTA's significant accounting policies.

Following this discussion and analysis are the basic financial statements of ESTA.

ESTA's basic financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of ESTA's financial status.

The statement of net position presents information on all of ESTA's assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of ESTA's financial position.

$$\text{Net Position} = (\text{Assets} + \text{Deferred Outflows of Resources}) - (\text{Liabilities} + \text{Deferred Inflows of Resources})$$

The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position presents information showing the change in ESTA's net position during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event occurs, regardless of timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are recorded and reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future periods.

The statement of cash flows relates to the flows of cash and cash equivalents. Consequently, only transactions that affect ESTA's cash accounts are recorded in this statement. A reconciliation of the statement of cash flows is provided at the bottom of the statement to assist in understanding the difference between cash flows from operating activities and operating income.

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.

**EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2020**

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

On June 30, 2020, the assets and deferred outflows of ESTA exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows by \$6,763,244 (net position). Of this amount, \$4,993,974 (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet ESTA's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors, \$111,970 is restricted for road maintenance, and \$1,657,300 is ESTA's investment in capital assets.

ESTA's capital assets (e.g., land, infrastructure and equipment) decreased by \$380,548 due to \$75,996 of capital asset additions offset by the annual depreciation of existing assets.

Long-term liabilities increased by \$280,779 due to an increase in the other postemployment benefits liability of \$185,329 and an increase to the net pension liability of \$95,450.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Condensed Statement of Net Position

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Change</u>
Assets:				
Current and Other Assets	\$ 6,250,253	\$ 5,629,911	11.02 %	\$ 620,342
Capital Assets	1,657,300	2,037,848	(18.67)	(380,548)
Total Assets	<u>7,907,553</u>	<u>7,667,759</u>	3.13	<u>239,794</u>
Deferred Outflows	510,423	615,579	(17.08)	(105,156)
Liabilities:				
Current Liabilities	436,404	676,067	(35.45)	(239,663)
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>1,065,950</u>	<u>785,171</u>	35.76	<u>280,779</u>
Total Liabilities	1,502,354	1,461,238	2.81	41,116
Deferred Inflows	152,378	218,637	(30.31)	(66,259)
Net Position:				
Investment in Capital Assets	1,657,300	2,037,848	(18.67)	(380,548)
Restricted for Road Maintenance	111,970	57,533	100.00	54,437
Unrestricted	<u>4,993,974</u>	<u>4,508,082</u>	10.78	<u>485,892</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 6,763,244</u>	<u>\$ 6,603,463</u>	2.42	<u>\$ 159,781</u>

As shown in the schedule above, at June 30, 2020, ESTA's total assets are \$7,907,553. The total assets held increased by \$239,794 from the June 30, 2019 balance of \$7,667,759. The increase in total assets was due primarily to an increase in cash and accounts receivable offset by depreciation of capital assets. Deferred outflows of \$510,423 represent contributions made by ESTA during fiscal year 2019/20 after the pension and OPEB liability measurement date of June 30, 2019 and other pension related deferred outflows.

The largest portion of ESTA's net position reflects its unrestricted portion. These funds may be used to meet ESTA's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2020**

**Changes in Net Position
Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Change</u>
Revenues:				
Operating	\$ 1,808,606	\$ 1,992,457	-9.23%	\$ (183,851)
Nonoperating	3,496,366	3,228,404	8.30%	267,962
Total Revenues	<u>5,304,972</u>	<u>5,220,861</u>	1.61%	<u>84,111</u>
Expenses:				
Operating Expenses	<u>5,218,120</u>	<u>5,696,192</u>	-8.39%	<u>(478,072)</u>
Capital Contributions	<u>72,929</u>	<u>106,311</u>	-31.40%	<u>(33,382)</u>
Change in Net Position	159,781	(369,020)	143.30%	528,801
Net Position - Beginning	6,603,463	6,972,483	-5.29%	(369,020)
Net Position - Ending	<u>\$ 6,763,244</u>	<u>\$ 6,603,463</u>	2.42%	<u>\$ 159,781</u>

Revenues – ESTA's revenues for fiscal year 2019/20 increased by 1.50% or \$78,404. The increase was related primarily to LTF Revenue from Mono County.

Expenses – ESTA's expenses for fiscal year 2019/20 decreased 8.39% or \$478,072. Operating expenses decreased primarily due to lower depreciation expenses.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets – ESTA's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2020 amounted to \$1,657,300 (net of accumulated depreciation and related debt). This investment in capital assets includes land, land improvements, and equipment. The \$380,548 decrease is due to depreciation of \$456,544 and capital asset additions totalling \$75,996.

Additional information on ESTA's capital assets can be found in Note 3 of this report.

Long-term liabilities - At June 30, 2020, ESTA reported \$1,075,450 related to net pension and OPEB liabilities.

Additional information on ESTA's long-term liabilities can be found in Notes 6 and 7 of this report.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2020**

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

Eastern Sierra Transit, is experiencing COVID-19 related revenue loss both in passenger fares and State and Local funding. Significant service cuts in the summer to ESTA's Reds Meadow Route will have the most significant impact to fare revenue. A significant decrease to our revenue-to-operating expense is expected.

Reductions to State Transit Assistance and Local Transportation Fund Allocation revenue were also significant. CARES Relief funding is available and will be used in next year's budget to offset these losses and additional expenses incurred due to COVID-19. It is expected that reserve funds will be needed to maintain operations. Reserve funds are available in adequate amounts.

ESTA anticipates working on the new administration building which is partially funded with the 2018 FTA 5339 Bus & Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program grant and is exploring additional funding sources. ESTA will also begin working on a new Short-Range Transit Plan and Coordinate Human Services Plan. Multiple bus purchases are possible with funds from Section 5339 and Section 5310.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of ESTA's finances for all those with an interest in ESTA's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Executive Director, at P.O. Box 1357, Bishop, CA 93515 or the Inyo County Auditor-Controller at P.O. Drawer R, Independence, CA 93526.

**EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2020**

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	\$ 5,060,827
Accounts Receivable	66,059
Due From Other Governments	804,316
Interest Receivable	22,195
Prepaid Expenses	296,856
Total Current Assets	6,250,253
 Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	 1,657,300
Total Assets	7,907,553

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred Other Postemployment Benefits	58,180
Deferred Pensions	452,243
	510,423

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	219,435
Salaries Payable	44,553
Compensated Absences	162,916
Other Post Employment Benefits Liability	9,500
Total Current Liabilities	436,404

NONCURRENT LIABILITY

Other Post Employment Benefits Liability	847,606
Net Pension Liability	218,344
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	1,065,950
Total Liabilities	1,502,354

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred Other Postemployment Benefits	39,385
Deferred Pensions	112,993
	152,378

NET POSITION

Investment in Capital Assets	1,657,300
Restricted for road maintenance	111,970
Unrestricted	4,993,974
Total Net Position	\$ 6,763,244

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

OPERATING REVENUES	
Fare Revenues	\$ 1,808,606
Total Operating Revenues	1,808,606
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Salaries and Benefits	3,051,871
Fuel	409,337
Vehicle Maintenance	609,461
Professional and Other Services	119,928
Depreciation Expense	456,544
Insurance	178,541
Rents	184,846
Miscellaneous Expenses	36,046
Parts and Supplies	84,605
Utilities	55,748
Advertising	31,193
Total Operating Expenses	5,218,120
OPERATING LOSS	(3,409,514)
NONOPERATING REVENUES	
Local Transportation Fund Allocation	1,450,367
State Transit Assistance Fund Allocation	447,144
State of Good Repair	72,680
Intergovernmental Revenues	541,690
Operating Assistance	875,693
Other Revenues	17,350
Non Operating Revenues	2,510
Use of Money and Property	88,932
Total Nonoperating Revenues	3,496,366
INCOME BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	86,852
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	72,929
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	159,781
Net Position - Beginning of Year	6,603,463
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	\$ 6,763,244

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

**EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Receipts from Customers	\$ 1,796,981
Other Operating Expenses	(1,905,719)
Payroll and Related Fringe Benefits	(2,788,966)
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	(2,897,704)

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Received for Use of Money and Property	90,775
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	90,775

CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Local Transportation Fund Allocation	1,450,367
State Transit Assistance Allocation	447,144
State of Good Repair	72,680
Operating and Capital Grants	541,690
Operating Assistance	586,615
Other Revenues	19,860
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	3,118,356

CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Capital Grants	72,929
Payments for Capital Asset Purchases	(75,996)
Net Cash Provided by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(3,067)

NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

308,360

Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year

4,752,467

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR

\$ 5,060,827

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

**EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

**RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH
PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Operating Income (Loss)	\$	(3,409,514)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash		
Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation		456,544
(Increase) Decrease in:		
Accounts Receivable		(11,625)
Prepaid Expense		(13,122)
Deferred Pensions		162,477
Deferred OPEB		(57,321)
Increase (Decrease) in:		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities		(182,892)
Salaries Payable		(65,412)
Net Pension Liability		95,450
Net Other Postemployment Liability		193,970
Deferred Pensions		(72,879)
Deferred Other Postemployment Benefits		6,620
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Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$	<u><u>(2,897,704)</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

**EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

The Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) was established in 2007 by a joint powers agreement between Inyo County, Mono County, the City of Bishop, and the Town of Mammoth Lakes to operate a regional transportation system in the Eastern Sierra region.

As required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, ESTA has reviewed criteria to determine whether other entities with activities that benefit ESTA should be included within its financial reporting entity. The criteria include, but are not limited to, whether the entity has a significant operational and financial relationship with ESTA.

ESTA has determined that no other outside entity meets the above criteria and, therefore, no agency has been included as a component unit in ESTA's financial statements. In addition, ESTA is not aware of any entity that has such a relationship to ESTA that would result in ESTA being considered a component unit of that other entity.

Basis of Presentation

ESTA reports the activity relevant to its operations in an enterprise fund. The enterprise fund is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges, or where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other policies. Unrestricted net position for the enterprise fund represents the net position available for future operations.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The enterprise fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. This measurement focus emphasizes the determination of increased/decreased net position. The accrual basis of accounting is used for the enterprise fund. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

Operating Revenues — Revenues from the sale of tickets and passenger rides are recognized as income when the related service is provided.

Nonoperating Revenues — ESTA receives substantial funds that are not reported as operating revenues. For example, ESTA receives operating assistance from the Town of Mammoth Lakes. These funds are recognized as revenue when all applicable eligibility requirements are met. ESTA receives annual allocations from the Local Transportation and State Transit Assistance funds of the two counties it provides services in. These allocations are recognized into income as received. ESTA also receives a number of grants from various sources. These are recognized into income as eligibility requirements are met.

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The following is a description of ESTA's main funding sources:

Passenger Revenue

Passenger fares consist of fare charges to the users of the system. Including revenue from a contract with Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort.

Operating Assistance

As mentioned above, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, a member of the Joint Powers Authority, provides operating assistance to ESTA. These revenues are not included as a component of fare revenues, but instead are reported as nonoperating revenues.

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

FTA revenues are funded by a federal gas tax and revenues of the federal general fund. ESTA receives Section 5311 grants which are used for operations. Section 5310 funding is used for Non-Emergency Medical Program.

Local Transportation Fund (LTF)

LTF is derived from a ¼ cent of the general sales tax collected statewide. The State Board of Equalization, based on sales tax collected in each county, returns the general sales tax revenues to each county's LTF. Each county then apportions the LTF funds within the county based on population.

State Transit Assistance (STA)

STA funds are appropriated by the legislature to the State Controller's Office (SCO). The SCO then allocates the tax revenue, by formula, to planning agencies and other selected agencies. Statute requires that 50% of STA funds be allocated according to population and 50% be allocated according to transit operator revenues from the prior fiscal year.

Budgetary Information

State law requires the adoption of an annual budget for the enterprise fund, which must be approved by the board of directors. The budget is prepared on an accrual basis. The board of directors adopts an annual budget for transit operations. The executive director shall have the authority to transfer funds between line items, not to exceed \$5,000 or 20% for any one line item, whichever is greater, with the limits of the overall budget. The executive director shall report, on a regular basis, any such transfers to and from budgeted line items. Budget amendments in excess of \$5,000 or 20% of a line item, whichever is greater, shall require board approval.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, ESTA considers the cash held in the County Treasury, its only investments, to be cash and cash equivalents.

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Investments

Investments consist of funds deposited in the pooled fund with Inyo County. Investments are stated at market value. Such investments are within the state statutes and ESTA's investment policy.

Prepaid Items

Payments made for services that will benefit future accounting periods are recorded as prepaid items.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are stated at historical cost. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs is charged to operations as incurred. Major improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related properties. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings and Improvements	40 to 50 Years
Buses and Maintenance Vehicles	5 to 12 Years
Light-Rail Structures and Light-Rail Vehicles	25 to 45 Years
Other Operating Equipment	5 to 15 Years

It is the policy of ESTA to capitalize all capital assets with an individual cost of more than \$5,000, and a useful life in excess of one year.

Compensated Absences

ESTA's policy allows employees to accumulate earned but unused comprehensive leave and compensated time off, which will be paid to employees upon separation from ESTA's service.

Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability and deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the County's California Public Employees' Retirement system (CalPERS) plan (Plan) and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by CalPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. ESTA has two items that qualify for reporting in this category. These items relate to the outflows from changes in the net pension liability and from other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability and are reportable on the statement of net position.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. ESTA has two types of items which qualify for reporting

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in this category. These items relate to inflows from changes in the net pension and OPEB liabilities and are reportable on the statement of net position.

Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

ESTA established a postemployment benefits trust but as of June 30, 2020 has not made any funding deposits.

Federal, State, and Local Grant Funds

Grants are accounted for in accordance with the purpose for which the funds are intended. Approved grants for the acquisition of land, building, and equipment are recorded as revenues as the related expenses are incurred. Approved grants for operating assistance are recorded as revenues in which the related grant conditions are met. Advances received on grants are recorded as a liability until related grant conditions are met. The Transportation Development Act (TDA) provides that any funds not earned and not used may be required to be returned to their source.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for the same purpose ESTA uses restricted resources first.

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 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. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Accounts receivable consist entirely of amounts due from other governmental agencies for operating and capital grants. Management believes its accounts receivable to be fully collectible, and, accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is required.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investments consisted of the following at June 30, 2020:

Deposits Held in the County of Inyo Investment Pool	\$ 4,995,301
Deposits Held in Financial Institutions	65,326
Imprest Cash	200
Total	<u>\$ 5,060,827</u>

Custodial Credit Risk

At June 30, 2020, the carrying amount of the deposits held at banks was \$65,326 and the bank balances totaled \$65,326. The bank balances are insured by the FDIC up to \$250,000. State law requires that the collateral be equal to or greater than 100% of all public deposit that is held with the pledging financial institution if government securities are used or 150% if mortgages are used as the collateral.

Authorized Investments

California statutes authorize ESTA to invest idle or surplus funds in a variety of credit instruments as provided for in California Government Code Section 53600, Chapter 4 — Financial Affairs.

The Government Code allows investments in the following instruments:

- Securities of the United States government, or its agencies
- Small Business Administration loans
- Certificates of Deposit (or Time Deposits) Negotiable Certificates of Deposit
- Commercial paper and medium-term corporate notes
- Local Agency Investment Fund (State Pool and County Pool) Demand Deposits
- Repurchase Agreements (Repos)
- Passbook Savings Account Demand Deposits
- Reverse Repurchase Agreements
- County Cash Pool

The bulk of ESTA's assets are held in an investment pool with the County of Inyo. More information about the County's investments can be found in the County's financial statements.

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Cash in County Treasury

Cash in Inyo County is held by the Inyo County treasurer in an investment pool. The County maintains a cash and investment pool in order to facilitate the management of cash. Cash in excess of current requirements is invested in various interest-bearing securities. Information regarding categorization and fair value of investments can be found in the County's financial statements. The treasurer's investments and policies are overseen by the Inyo County Treasury Oversight Committee.

Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 40 requires additional disclosures about a government's deposits and investment risks that include custodial risk, credit risk, concentration risk, and interest rate. ESTA did not have a deposit or investment policy that addresses specific types of risks.

Required risk disclosures for ESTA's investment in the Inyo County Investment Pool at June 30, 2019 were as follows:

Credit Risk	Not rated
Custodial Risk	Not applicable
Concentration of Credit Risk	Not applicable
Interest Rate Risk	Not available

The fair value of ESTA's investment in the Inyo County Investment Pool is determined on an amortized cost basis which approximates fair value.

NOTE 3 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets consisted of the following at June 30, 2020:

	Balance 7/1/2019	Additions	Deletions	Transfers	Balance 6/30/2020
Capital assets, being depreciated					
Structures and improvements	577,159	-	-	5,401	582,560
Equipment	9,632,652	75,996	(9,139)	(5,401)	9,694,108
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>10,209,811</u>	<u>75,996</u>	<u>(9,139)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,276,668</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for					
Structures and improvements	(84,118)	(13,861)	-	-	(97,979)
Equipment	(8,087,845)	(442,683)	9,139	-	(8,521,389)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(8,171,963)</u>	<u>(456,544)</u>	<u>9,139</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,619,368)</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 2,037,848</u>	<u>\$ (380,548)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,657,300</u>

Depreciation expense was \$456,544 for the year ended June 30, 2020.

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NOTE 4 FARE REVENUE RATIO

ESTA is required to maintain a fare revenue-to-operating expense ratio of 10% in accordance with the Transportation Development Act. The fare revenue-to-operating expense ratio for ESTA is calculated as follows for the year ended June 30, 2020:

Fare Revenues	\$ 1,808,606
Operating Expenses	5,218,120
Less: Allowable Exclusions:	
Depreciation and Amortization	(456,544)
Net Operating Expenses	\$ 4,761,576
Fare Revenue Ratio	37.98%

NOTE 5 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN (DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN)

Plan Description

ESTA's defined benefit pension plan, the California Public Employee's Retirement System, provides retirement and disability annual cost of living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The California Public Employee's Retirement System (CalPERS) is a cost sharing multiple-employer plan administered by CalPERS, which acts as a common investment and administrative agent for participating public employers within the state of California. A menu of benefit provisions as well as other requirements are established by state statutes within the Public Employee's Retirement Law. ESTA selects optional benefit provisions from the benefit menu by contract with CalPERS and adopts those benefits through local ordinance (other local methods). CalPERS issues a separate report.

Funding Policy

Active plan members in ESTA's defined pension plan are required to contribute either 8%, 7%, or 6.25% of their annual covered salary depending upon the plan in which the employee participates. ESTA is required to contribute the actuarially determined remaining amounts necessary to fund the benefits for its members. The fiscal year 2019/2020 employer rates are as follows:

Tier	Misc.	PEPRA
Tier 1	10.823 %	6.985 %
Tier 2	9.680 %	N/A

The actuarial methods and assumptions used are those adopted by the CalPERS board of administration. The contribution requirements of the plan members are established by state statute and the employer contribution rate is established and may be amended by CalPERS. ESTA pays plan members' contribution on their behalf for employees participating in the Classic plan.

Actuarial Assumptions

ESTA's net pension liability is measured as its proportionate share of the total pension liability, less the proportionate share of the pension plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension liability of the cost sharing plan is measured as of June 30, 2019, using an annual actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2018, with update

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procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to June 30, 2019. A summary of principal assumptions and methods used to determine the net pension liability is shown below.

- Discount Rate/Rate of Return – 7.15%
- Inflation Rate – 2.5%
- Salary increases – Varies by Entry Age and Service
- COLA Increases – up to 2.5%
- Post-Retirement Mortality – Derived using CalPERS' Membership Data for all Funds

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2018 valuation were based off on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period from 1997 to 2015. The Experience Study Report can be obtained at CalPERS' website under Forms and Publications.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (7.15%) was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense, and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>New Strategic Allocation</u>	<u>Real Return Years 1 - 10 (a)</u>	<u>Real Return Years 11 + (b)</u>
Global Equity	50.00 %	4.80 %	5.98 %
Fixed Income	28.00	1.00	2.62
Inflation Sensitive	-	0.77	1.81
Private Equity	8.00	6.30	7.23
Real Estate	13.00	3.75	4.93
Liquidity	1.00	-	(0.92)
	<u>100.00 %</u>		

(a) An expected inflation of 2.00% used for this period.

(b) An expected inflation of 2.92% used for this period.

Detailed information about the pension fund's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CalPERS comprehensive annual financial report which may be obtained by contacting CalPERS.

Net Pension Liability

At June 30, 2020, ESTA reported a liability of \$218,344 in the statement of net position for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018. ESTA's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of ESTA's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all pension plan participants, which was actuarially determined.

Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability of ESTA's proportionate share of the Plan as of the measurement date calculated using the discount rate of 7.15%, as well as what the net pension liability

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would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (6.15%) or 1 percentage point higher (8.15%) than the current rate.

	<u>1% Decrease 6.15%</u>	<u>Discount Rate 7.15%</u>	<u>1% Increase 8.15%</u>
ESTA's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Plan Liability	\$ 795,258	\$ 218,344	\$ (257,858)

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

Pension expense represents the change in the net pension liability during the measurement period, adjusted by actual contributions and the deferred recognition of changes in investment gain/loss, actuarial gain/loss, actuarial assumptions or method, and plan benefits. During the year ended June 30, 2020, ESTA recognized a pension expense of \$258,429. At June 30, 2020, ESTA reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension from the following sources.

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Changes in Assumptions Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 10,412	\$ 3,691
Differences between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings	15,165	1,175
Differences between Employer Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	-	3,817
Change in Employer's Proportion Pension Contributions Made Subsequent to Measurement Date	146,966	33,412
	142,061	70,898
	<u>137,639</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 452,243</u>	<u>\$ 112,993</u>

The \$137,639 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to contributions subsequent to the June 30, 2019, measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expenses as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	\$ 136,629
2022	56,206
2023	8,006
2024	770
Total	<u>\$ 201,611</u>

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NOTE 6 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PLAN

Plan Description

Plan administration. ESTA sponsors healthcare coverage under the California Public Employees Medical and Hospital Care Act ("PEMHCA"), commonly referred to as PERS Health. PEMHCA provides health insurance through a variety of Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) and Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) options.

Benefits provided. Employees hired before January 1, 2013 are eligible for ESTA-paid retiree medical benefits upon attainment of age 50 and 5 years CalPERS service. Employees hired on or after January 1, 2013 are eligible for ESTA-paid retiree medical benefits upon attainment of age 52 and 5 years CalPERS service.

ESTA contributes the PEMHCA minimum under the unequal method (5% times number of years ESTA has been in PEMHCA). ESTA joined PEMHCA in 2007, therefore for 2017, ESTA contributes 50% of the PEMHCA minimum (\$128), or \$64 per month to its retirees. In 2018, this amount is 55% of the PEMHCA minimum (\$133), or \$73.15 per month. The 2019 PEMHCA minimum is \$136, and ESTA will contribute \$81.60 per month towards retirees. In addition to the PEMHCA minimum, ESTA pays administrative fees of 0.23% per premium. Also, survivor benefits are available.

Plan membership. At July 1, 2017, membership consisted of the following:

Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	4
Active plan members	50

Contributions – ESTA currently finances benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Total OPEB Liability

ESTA's Total OPEB Liability was measured as of June 30, 2018 and the Total OPEB Liability used to calculate the Net OPEB Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2017. Standard actuarial update procedures were used to project/discount from valuation to measurement dates.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Salary increases	3.00 percent
Medical cost trend rate	6.00 percent for 2019 decreasing 0.10 percent annually to an ultimate rate of 5.00 percent for 2029 and later years
PEMHCA minimum increase	3.5 percent after 2019

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Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, without projection. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Health Annuitant Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, without projection.

Discount rate. GASB 75 requires a discount rate that reflects the following:

- a) The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments – to the extent that the OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position (if any) is projected to be sufficient to make projected benefit payments and assets are expected to be invested using a strategy to achieve that return;
- b) A yield or index rate for 20-year, tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher – to the extent that the conditions in (a) are not met.

To determine a resulting single (blended) rate, the amount of the plan’s projected fiduciary net position (if any) and the amount of projected benefit payments is compared in each period of projected benefit payments. The discount rate used to measure ESTA’s Total OPEB liability is based on these requirements and the following information:

Reporting Date	Measurement Date	Long-Term Expected Return of Plan (if any)	Municipal Bond 20-Year High Grade Rate Index	Discount Rate
June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	4.00%	3.13%	3.13%

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

The table below shows the changes in the Total OPEB liability, the Plan Fiduciary Net Position, and the Net OPEB liability as of the measurement date June 30, 2020

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total OPEB Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net OPEB Liability
Balance - July 1, 2018	\$ 663,136	\$ -	\$ 663,136
Change in the Year:			
Service Cost	131,215	-	131,215
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	28,599	-	28,599
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	(17,416)	-	(17,416)
Changes of Assumptions	60,271	-	60,271
Benefit Payments ¹	(8,699)	(8,699)	-
Contributions - Employer	-	8,699	(8,699)
Net Changes	193,970	-	193,970
Balance - June 30, 2019	\$ 857,106	\$ -	\$ 857,106

Amount includes implicit subsidy associated with benefits paid

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If an actuarially determined contribution is calculated for a single or agent employer, the employer is required to present in required supplementary information a schedule covering each of the 10 most recent fiscal years that includes information about the actuarially determined contribution, contributions to the OPEB plan, and related ratios. If a single or agent employer does not have information about an actuarially determined contribution but has a contribution requirement that is established by statute or contract, the employer is required to present a schedule covering each of the 10 most recent fiscal years that includes information about the statutorily or contractually required contribution rate, contributions to the OPEB plan, and related ratios.

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net OPEB liability of ESTA, as well as what ESTA's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current discount rate.

	1% Decrease 2.13%	Discount Rate 3.13%	1% Increase 4.13%
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 989,877	\$ 857,106	\$ 749,680

The following presents the net OPEB liability of ESTA, as well as what ESTA's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates.

	1% Decrease (5.00% to 4.00%)	Trend Rate (6.00% to 5.00%)	1% Increase (7.00% to 6.00%)
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 743,266	\$ 857,106	\$ 998,016

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OPEB Expense, Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2020, ESTA recognized OPEB expense of \$143,269. OPEB expense represents the change in the total OPEB liability during the measurement period, adjusted for actual contributions and the deferred recognition of changes in actuarial assumptions or method. At June 30, 2020, ESTA reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	\$ 9,500	\$ -
Change in assumptions	48,680	25,318
Differences between expected and actual experience		14,067
Total	<u>\$ 58,180</u>	<u>\$ 39,385</u>

The \$9,500 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to contributions subsequent to the June 30, 2019 measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized as OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Amount
2021	795
2022	795
2023	795
2024	5,265
2025	1,645
	<u>\$ 9,295</u>

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Other Postemployment Benefits Plan (OPEB) – Schedule of Changes in the Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Total OPEB Liability			
Service Cost	\$ 74,075	\$ 76,297	\$ 131,215
Interest	16,306	19,066	28,599
Actual and Expected Experience Difference	-	-	(17,416)
Changes of Assumptions	-	(40,212)	60,271
Benefit Payments	(2,116)	(2,294)	(8,699)
Net Changes in Total OPEB Liability	88,265	52,857	193,970
Total OPEB Liability - beginning	522,014	610,279	663,136
Total OPEB Liability - ending (a)	<u>\$ 610,279</u>	<u>\$ 663,136</u>	<u>\$ 857,106</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position			
Contributions - Employer	\$ 2,116	\$ 2,294	\$ 8,699
Benefit Payments	(2,116)	(2,294)	(8,699)
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	-	-	-
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - beginning	-	-	-
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - ending (b)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
ESTA's Net OPEB Liability - ending (a) - (b)	<u>\$ 610,279</u>	<u>\$ 663,136</u>	<u>\$ 857,106</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 1,285,438	\$ 1,469,433	\$ 1,507,323
ESTA's Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	47.48%	45.13%	56.86%
Measurement Date	6/30/2017	6/30/2018	6/30/2019

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Schedule of ESTA's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Last 10 Fiscal Years*):

Reporting Year	ESTA's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	ESTA's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	ESTA's Covered Payroll	ESTA's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2015	Varies by plan	\$ 413,616	\$ 1,366,206	30.27 %	79.87 %
2016	0.0166 %	387,894	1,582,603	24.51 %	83.27 %
2017	0.0156 %	540,971	1,517,088	35.66 %	80.22 %
2018	0.0038 %	149,988	1,296,176	11.57 %	75.39%
2019	0.0033 %	122,894	1,285,439	9.56 %	77.69%
2020	0.0055 %	218,344	1,469,433	14.86%	77.69%

CalPERS — Schedule of ESTA Contributions (Last 10 Fiscal Years*)

Fiscal Year	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Total Actual Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	ESTA's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2015	\$ 183,362	(183,362)	\$ -	\$ 1,582,603	11.59%
2016	209,515	(209,515)	-	1,517,088	13.81%
2017	227,073	(690,642)	(463,569)	1,296,176	53.28%
2018	190,183	(190,183)	-	1,285,438	14.80%
2019	123,337	(123,337)	-	1,469,433	8.39%
2020	137,639	(137,639)	-	1,507,323	9.13%

*Amounts presented above were determined as of 6/30. Additional years will be presented as they become available.



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

Board of Directors
Eastern Sierra Transit Authority
Bishop, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 7, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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Roseville, California
January 7, 2021



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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATUTES, RULES,
AND REGULATIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT
AND THE ALLOCATION INSTRUCTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE LOCAL
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Board of Directors
Eastern Sierra Transit Authority
Bishop, California

We have audited the financial statements of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020 and have issued our report thereon dated January 7, 2021. 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.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. Additionally, we performed tests to determine that allocations made and expenditures paid by the Mono County Local Transportation Commission and Inyo County Transportation Commission were made in accordance with the allocation instructions and resolutions of the Commission and in conformance with the California Transportation Development Act. Specifically, we performed each of the specific tasks identified in the California Code of Regulations Section 6667 that are applicable to the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority. In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority failed to comply with the Statutes, Rules, and Regulations of the California Transportation Development Act and the allocation instructions and resolutions of the Local Transportation Commission. 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.

Board of Directors
Eastern Sierra Transit Authority

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority, the Mono County Local Transportation Commission, the Inyo County Local Transportation Commission, management, the California Department of Transportation, and the State Controller's Office and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "CliftonLarsonAllen LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Roseville, California
January 7, 2021