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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

January 24, 2019

Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board
Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority, Columbia, SC 29201

Honorable Board Members,

In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 58-25-70, the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (The COMET) hereby submits the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ending June 30, 2018. Management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information contained in this report, based upon a comprehensive framework of internal control that it has established for this purpose. Because the cost of internal control should not exceed anticipated benefits, the objective is to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements are of any material misstatements.

Harper, Poston, & Moree, CPA, PA., have issued an unmodified ("clean") opinion on The COMET's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2018.

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

The independent audit of the financial statements of The COMET was part of a broader, federally mandated "Single Audit" designed to meet the special needs of federal grantor agencies. The standards governing the Single Audit engagements require the independent auditor to report not only on the fair presentation of the financial statements, but also on the audited government's internal controls and compliance with legal requirements, with special emphasis on internal controls and legal requirements involving the administration of federal awards. These reports are available in The COMET's Single Audit Report section.

In connection with our regular examination of the financial statements of The COMET, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 on we have also reviewed the reporting forms and included in the report for the fiscal year ended 2018, required under Title 49 U.S.C. 5335(a), for conformity in all material respects with the requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as set forth in its applicable National Transit Database (NTD) Uniform System of Accounts (USOA). Our review for this purpose included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We did not make a detailed examination such as would be required to determine that each transaction has been recorded in accordance with the USOA. The accounting system from which this NTD report is derived follows the accounting system prescribed by the USOA. The same accounting system has been adopted and was used to compile this NTD report.

Profile of the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority

Under South Carolina Code of Laws – Regional Transportation Authority Law - Title 58 – Public Utilities, Services and Carriers, a regional transportation authority may be organized in any county in South Carolina that is part of a designated regional transportation area.

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The COMET is a regional transportation authority formed by Richland County, City of Columbia and Lexington County on April 24, 2000 by the Central Midlands Council of Governments. In May 2001, The COMET Board of Directors held its first meeting. On October 16, 2002, The COMET assumed operations of the bus services provided by South Carolina Electric and Gas Company utilizing a private contractor.

The COMET consists of an intergovernmental agreement signed by Richland County, City of Columbia, City of Forest Acres and Lexington County to fund, operate and maintain public transit services in the Central Midlands area. The intergovernmental agreement took effect in July of 2013 based on receipt of new funding from Richland County for 22 years or $300,991,000, whichever comes first.

The COMET is also the brand name of the transit services provided. As of June 30, 2018, The COMET provides countywide public transit services on 35 fixed routes, two ReFlex services and DART ADA complementary paratransit service throughout Richland and western Lexington Counties. The COMET transports approximately 2.8 million passenger trips a year on a fleet of 81 buses and vans. Transit services are provided under contract with Transdev Services, Inc. of Lombard, Illinois. The COMET provides direct transit services to the Cities of Columbia, Forest Acres, West Columbia and Cayce, Towns of Eastover, Blythewood and Springdale, as well as unincorporated areas of Richland and Lexington Counties. Presently, the Town of Arcadia Lakes, as well as towns in eastern Lexington County do not have The COMET transit services.

Through Lexington County, the Cities of West Columbia and Cayce, Town of Springdale and Lexington Medical Center provides funding support for The COMET to provide bus services in their jurisdictional areas. The COMET also receives contract revenues from Richland Two School District, University of South Carolina and McEntire Produce.

The COMET Board of Directors sets overall policy and direction for the transit system. 11 voting Board Members representing the City of Columbia (3), Richland County (3), City of Forest Acres (1), Lexington County (3) and Richland County Delegation (1). Non-voting members include one (1) representative from the City of Cayce and Lexington County.

In May 2018, The COMET Board of Directors reviewed their service levels and restructured service to bring service levels in line with anticipated revenues due to the need to extend the use of the Transportation Penny provided by Richland County to The COMET.

The COMET has 13 employees, overseen by an Executive Director with support from staff in the Finance, Procurement and Grants, Civil Rights and Compliance, Administration and Planning and Development departments. All other functions are contracted out to private vendors, including transit service delivery and maintenance, legal counsel, paratransit certification, bus stop engineering, marketing, community relations and government affairs, bus stop amenities and bus stop advertising.

Motto

Catch The COMET.....We will Get You There!

Mission Statement

The COMET provides safe, reliable, efficient, and customer-friendly mobility services throughout the Midlands region and stimulates economic development and enhances quality of life.

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Vision Statement

A high-quality public transit service that contributes to economic development, environmental sustainability and mobility solutions throughout the Midlands.

Core Values

- Safety
- Reliability
- Friendliness
- Cleanliness & Comfort
- Cost Effectiveness

Economic Conditions and Outlook in Richland and Lexington Counties

The COMET service area is Richland and Lexington Counties. Actual transit service provided is concentrated more in the western, central and southern portions of Richland County and western Lexington County. The service area center is the City of Columbia, the State Capital of South Carolina, as well as the County Seat for Richland County. The combined population of The COMET service area is 646,895 based off the 2010 U.S. Census. In The COMET fixed route service area, within Richland and Lexington Counties, there are two cities, two towns in Richland County and two cities and one town in Lexington County. Overall, Richland County has two cities and four towns and Lexington County has three cities and twelve towns.

Richland County

Richland County continues to be an area of growth, due in part to the presence of the seats of State and County government, the University of South Carolina as well as Fort Jackson (the nation's largest and most active initial entry training center for the US Army). On average Fort Jackson instructs over 43,000 soldiers in basic and advanced training each year, with an additional 10,000 attending courses at the Soldier Support Institute, Armed Forces Chaplaincy Center, National Center for Credibility Assessment and Drill Sergeant School. Fort Jackson currently employs almost 3,500 civilians and provides services to over 46,000 military retirees and families.

The Richland County/City of Columbia area has continually been highlighted in the pages of national publications, including:

- 76th for business/careers, 114th for cost of doing business, 66th in job growth and 84th in education as ranked by Forbes Magazine
- 2nd America Most Livable Communities (Mid-Sized Cities) by Partners for Livable Communities.org
- 132nd Best-Performing MSA as ranked by Milken Institute
- 35th for recession recovery as ranked by Brookings Institution's Metro Monitor
- 5th Small metro area for Teleworking by Sperling's Best Places

The County is located halfway between New York and Miami and within direct access to the Port of Charleston, which puts it in the center of the growing Southeastern market and has led to an increase in service and industrial firms locating to the County. The County has benefited from the overall improvement in the economy.

This is evident through the June 30, 2018 County 4.2% unemployment rate as compared to the 4.2% South Carolina unemployment rate and the 4.5% US unemployment rate. As of June 30, 2018, the breakdown of the County workforce is as follows: 13% in government, 25% in education and health, 13% in wholesale and retail trade, 13% in services, 4% in manufacturing, 22% in finance, insurance and real estate, 3% in construction and 7% in transportation and utilities. The largest employers include Palmetto Health, University of South Carolina, Blue Cross Blue Shield of SC, Richland County School District 1 and Richland County School District 2.

Lexington County

Lexington County is in the central portion of South Carolina, adjacent to the capital city of Columbia. It is one of the fastest growing counties in the state. From 2000 to 2010, the state's population increased by 15.3 percent, while Lexington County's increased by 21.5 percent. The county's 2018 population, adjusted from the 2010 census core, was 290,311 and is ranked sixth in the state.

The county had a per capital income of $41,805 to rank it fourth in that category in 2016 (the latest year for which statistics are available).

Lexington County's June 2018 unemployment rate was 3.60 percent compared to the state unemployment rate of 3.90 percent.

Lexington County issued 1,771 building permits during fiscal year 2016-17. Permits for residential buildings totaled 1,659 with the buildings valued at $378 million. A total of 227 commercial permits were issued with the buildings valued at $68 million. These economic conditions indicate there is stability in the economy.

Major employers in Lexington County include Amazon.com Fulfillment Center, Michelin North America Inc., General Information Services and Walter P. Rawl & Sons Inc. Major public-sector agencies in Lexington County include: Lexington Medical Center, Lexington County School District One, Lexington County School District Five and Lexington County.

Major Initiatives

- Hired a new executive director/CEO to provide executive oversight and stability for The COMET and compliance officer to ensure compliance with grants and programs.
- Obtained funding from Central Midlands Council of Governments to prepare a short range transit plan and comprehensive operational analysis, as well as to implement a mobility management program.
- Obtained 17 new 35 and 40 transit buses from New Flyer.
- Amended the Transdev Fixed Route and Paratransit Program Management Contract.
- Launched the Soda Cap Connector and Blythewood Express services.
- Reviewed the DART paratransit program service area and policies.
- Completed the Federal Transit Administration Triennial Review.
- Rewrapped a bus to feature veterans from each branch of the military whom have purple hearts.
- Restructured transit services in the northeastern portion and northwestern portions of Richland County.
- Reviewed the financial picture of The COMET to better understand how much funding is available to deliver transit services in Richland County and revised transit service to reflect the service levels that The COMET can afford after review of trip data.
- A new Board member joined The COMET Board of Directors from Richland County.
- Started the process to update policies and procedures and re-procure contracts.

Acknowledgements

I extend my thanks and appreciation for the cooperation and assistance provided by the members of the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority Board of Directors for their interest and support in conducting the financial operations of The Comet in a responsible and progressive manner. Special recognition is also due to The COMET's administrative staff especially to Rosalyn Andrews, Director of Finance/CFO, Michelle Ransom, Procurement and Grants Manager, Crystal Wills, Staff Accountant. It is their combined effort that enabled the timely issuance of this report and continued provision of a quality transportation service product for all the Central Midlands to enjoy.

Should you have any questions on this letter, please contact me at (803) 255-7087 or email John.Andoh@CatchTheCOMET.org or Rosalyn Andrews at (803) 255-7135 or email Rosalyn.Andrews@CatchTheCOMET.org.

Sincerely,

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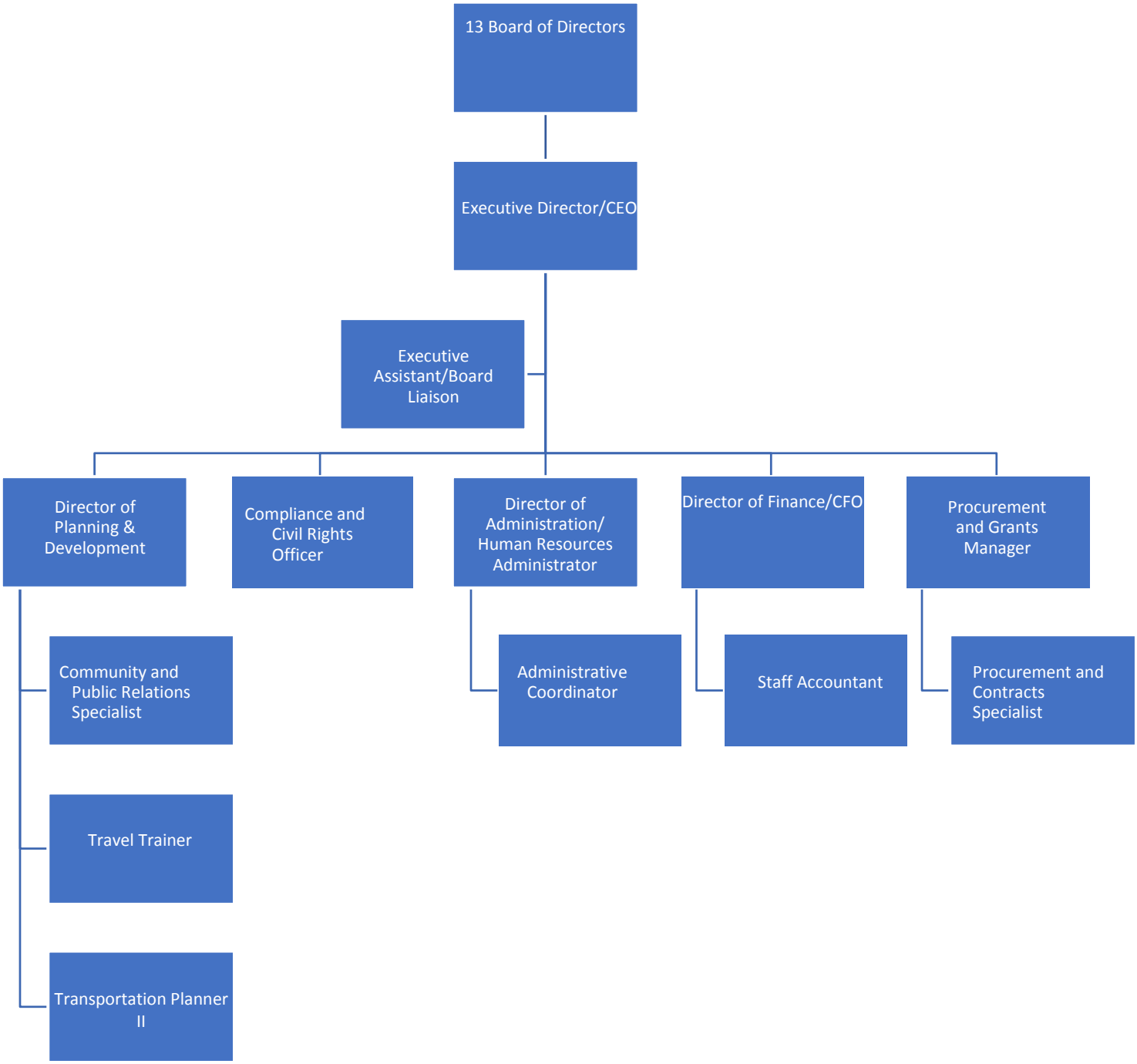
Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority
Organizational Chart



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Member Name	Term Expires	Appointing Agency/ Organization
Ron Anderson - Chair	11/01/21	City of Columbia
Jacqueline Boulware	04/17/21	Richland County
Joyce Dickerson	10/30/19	Richland County
John Furgess – Vice Chair	12/30/17	Rich. Co Leg. Dele
Carolyn Gleaton	12/30/18	City of Columbia
Leon Howard	12/30/17	Rich. Co. Leg. Dele
Derrick Huggins	12/31/19	City of Columbia
Roger Leaks	11/01/19	Richland County
Lill Mood	11/01/19	Lexington County
Robert Morris -Treasurer	12/30/17	Rich. Co. Leg. Dele
Andy Smith - Secretary	11/01/20	Forest Acres
Skip Jenkins*	No term	City of Cayce
Debbie Summers*	No term	Lexington County
Bobby Horton*	No term	City of West Columbia
J. Kevin Reeley*	No term	Town of Springdale
*	No term	Town of Eastover
*	No term	Town of Blythewood

*Advisory Members

Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority
Executive Staff

Staff Member	Title
John C. Andoh III	Executive Director/CEO
Rosalyn Andrews	Director of Finance/CFO
LeRoy DesChamps	Director of Administration/HR Administrator
Samuel L. Scheib	Director of Planning and Development
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority
Columbia, South Carolina

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018 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 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 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

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appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well 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.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority, as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in the financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note 7 to the financial statements, the Authority adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement No. 75 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

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 4 through 16 and supplementary pension information and supplementary OPEB information on pages 38 through 43 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority's basic financial statements. The Schedules of Operating and Non-operating Revenues, Expenses, and the Changes in Net Position; the Schedule of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position – Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual; the Schedule of Budgeted to Actual Costs – SCDOT Grants; and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*) as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated January 24, 2019 on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provision 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 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.

Harper, Poston & Moree, P.A.

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Certified Public Accountants

Georgetown, South Carolina
January 24, 2019

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (the "Authority") provides an overview of the major financial activities affecting the operations of the Authority. This overview encompasses the financial performance and financial statements of the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017. The information contained in this MD&A is prepared by management and should be considered in conjunction with the information contained in the Independent Auditor's Report and notes to the financial statements. Following this MD&A are the basic financial statements of the Authority, together with the notes, which are essential to a full understanding of the data contained in the financial statements.

The Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority assumed ownership and responsibility for public transit services in the greater Columbia, South Carolina metropolitan area on October 16, 2002. Prior to that date, the greater Columbia, South Carolina metropolitan area was the last area in the United States where the local private utility company (South Carolina Electric and Gas Company) was the owner and operator of mass transit (fixed route bus and paratransit) services.

After several years of negotiations, the City of Columbia and the South Carolina Electric and Gas Company reached an agreement in December 2001 under which the utility company would provide funding for the creation of a "transit trust fund" and would provide annual subsidies to support the provision of public transit services.

The Authority was created under the State of South Carolina Code of Laws – Regional Transportation Authority Law - Title 58 – Public Utilities, Services and Carriers as regional transportation authority which may be organized in any county in South Carolina that is part of a designated regional transportation area.

Membership on the Authority's Board of Directors is distributed based on population, with Richland County having three members, the City of Columbia having three members, and Lexington County and Forest Acres jurisdictions each having one member. In addition to the local government appointees, and in accordance with the State of South Carolina Code of Laws, due to the use of State Mass Transit Funds, each of the County Legislative Delegations is eligible to appoint not to exceed three Delegation members to the Authority's Board of Directors. Presently, Richland County Delegation is participating. In addition, Lexington County and the City of Cayce each appoints an advisory, non-voting Board Member.

The Board of Directors meets monthly and has three committees to support its oversight, which is the Finance, Service and Executive Committees. Also, during this period, the Board formed an Executive Director Search Ad-hoc Committee.

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The fixed route service carries an average of 8,493 passenger boardings on weekdays, 4,610 passenger boardings on Saturday and 3,109 passenger boardings on Sunday. The annual passenger boardings in FY 2018 was 2,648,442 between fixed route and demand response. Dial-A-Ride-Transit (DART) carrying an average 250 passenger trips every weekday and 70 passenger trips on weekends. The COMET fixed route system is primarily a radial network with 39 routes. Most routes meet at the Sumter Street Transit Station located at 1745 Sumter Street, as well as a series of Connection Protection Zones located at Crowson Road, Harbison Walmart, Forest Drive Walmart and Koon & Cody Streets in Columbia.

The Authority owns the Lowell C. Spires, Jr. Regional Transit Facility located in Downtown Columbia next to the Broad River and leases the Sumter Street Transit Station and Assembly Street Bus Shelter from the City of Columbia. The Authority has 1,430 bus stops throughout the service area, with 55 bus shelters owned between the Authority, the City of Columbia, University of South Carolina and the State of South Carolina and benches provided by a contract advertising firm, the City of Columbia, the Authority and private parties.

The Authority's most critical task to establish a dedicated local funding source for operations within Richland County was achieved in November of 2012 with the passing of the Richland County Transportation Sales Tax "Transportation Penny" as allowed by State Law. Because of the successful referendum The COMET now has a dedicated source of revenue for the continued operation of mass transit services of $300,991,000, collected over a maximum of 22 years. The Authority received the first payment from Richland County in November 2013. The Transportation Penny has provided The COMET with the financial means to implement several service improvements for transit growth throughout the Midlands including adding trip planning apps, new pass programs, extending hours, increasing frequencies and developing new routes to meet the transit needs of the Central Midlands. This has resulted in a 123% increase in ridership since the passage of the Transportation Penny.

In addition to the Transportation Penny, The Authority receives funding from Lexington County, farebox revenue, miscellaneous grants, the State Mass Transit Fund, Federal Transit Administration Sections 5307 and 5339, private businesses, University of South Carolina and interest income generated from investments.

In FY 2018, The COMET was able to achieve additional service enhancements to make transit in the Central Midlands. These enhancements include:

- The Soda Cap Connector: The Soda Cap Connector is a simple system of two dedicated routes that connect you to major Columbia destinations, including the State Museum, the Vista, Main Street District, the State House, Five Points and the historic black colleges and universities in the Waverly neighborhood. The bus stop signs are shaped like a soda cap and match the buses so getting on the bus is easy for free travel between destinations. The route names appear on bus LED display above the driver, and on the sides of vehicles. This service operates Tuesday through Saturday and is a pilot service.

- Richland School District Two Pass Program: This pass program allows students, faculty, and staff to ride The COMET for free. This provides them with unlimited access to every route in The COMET service area. Students who do not have their own transportation are able to catch The COMET to the Richland Two Institute of Innovation (R2i2) in order to attend the courses offered there. This partnership also allows them to be mobile outside the school environment as some students have after school activities and jobs. Providing staff and faculty with free passes also encourages them to catch The COMET on the way to work.

- Blythewood Express: The Blythewood Express, also known as Route 52X is an express service that provides a park-and-ride option for the Town of Blythewood to connect residents to the downtown Columbia. There are two morning trips from Blythewood and three evening trips to Blythewood. This service runs Monday – Friday and is a pilot service.

- New Buses: The Authority updated nearly its entire fleet with the purchase of new diesel and propane buses that use cleaner fuel and are quieter than the previous Blue Bird buses. The heavy duty diesel buses are expected to last 14 years and also come equipped with new technology such as Wi-Fi, cellphone outlets, and cameras. With these new amenities, catching The COMET has become even more convenient, comfortable, and clean! A total of 31, 35 foot buses and 8 40 foot buses were delivered this past fiscal year and placed into service. The fleet of old Blue Bird buses have been retired and disposed of, except for one, which is being used as a mobile command center. In addition, the entire fixed route fleet was outfitted with new security cameras with wi-fi as well as new Genfare Fast Fare fareboxes.

- Route Restructuring: The Authority restructured its fixed routes in the northwest and the northeast portions of Richland County. In addition, to ensure that the Authority remains in line with its operating budget, services was slightly reduced to match available funds, systemwide. When transit services are restructured, The Authority receives input from the community before major changes are made to any route. The public involvement process allows stakeholders, riders, and community leaders to comment on any proposed plans. The public plays a major role in decisions that are made involving route changes, the installment of bus stops, benches, and shelters and many other factors that affect the rider experience and quality of life.

- The Transit Academy: Community leaders, elected officials, riders and others have all graduated from The COMET Transit Academy. There have been three classes scheduled since the inception this past fiscal year. Transit cadets are trained on how to ride the bus, how The COMET funding works, how to plan their trip, and how to be informative ambassadors to the community for transit. They are an extension of The COMET. They work externally to connect the people they work with and serve to resources in the community without moving their car or using it at all. Two classes graduated in 2017.

- The COMET has been in existence in one way or another since the first streetcars rolled in 1892 — 125 years ago approximately through various elements of South Carolina Electric and Gas and the Authority.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2018 are as follows:

- The Authority's net position (amount that assets exceeded liabilities) was $53,874,054 and 45,881,767 at the close of fiscal years 2018 and 2017, respectively. Of these amounts, $28,736,564 and $28,980,008 respectively, were invested in capital assets, net of related debt.

- The Authority's total net position increased $7,980,091 and $12,200,780 during fiscal years 2018 and 2017, respectively. These net changes are further reflected in the Authority's statements of revenues, expenses, and change in net position.

- The Authority received contributions through federal, state, and local grants in the amount of and $10,563,593 for the fiscal years 2018 and 2017, respectively.

- Fixed route ridership increased by 6%, or by approximately 143,434 passenger trips from 2,432,463, to 2,575,627 passenger trips from FY2017 to FY2018. DART ridership increased 14% from 63,999 to 72,815.

- Overall operating revenues increased by $73,298 (3.27%) for the year. Operating expenses increased by $1,245,358 (6.24%) for the year. The increase was primarily due to an increase in fuel expenses, fleet maintenance and purchases of machinery and equipment.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Authority's basic financial statements. The Authority's financial statements comprise of two components: 1) financial statements and 2) notes to the financial statements. The financial statements of the Authority reports information about the Authority accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. These statements offer short- and long-term financial information about its activities. The notes to the financial statements contain more detail on some of the information presented in the financial statements.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all the Authority's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating. The Statements of Net Position can be found on page 17 of this report.

The *Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position* presents information showing how the Authority's net position changed during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2018. 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. Thus revenues and expenses are recorded in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (for example, earned but unused vacation leave). The Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position can be found on page 18 of this report.

The *Statement of Cash Flows* present information showing the sources and uses of cash related to operating activities, noncapital financing activities, capital and related financing activities and investing activities. In addition, the statement provides information about significant non-cash investing, capital and financing activities. The Statements of Cash Flows can be found on page 19 of this report.

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided within the financial statements. Additional notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 20 through 37 of this report.

Financial Statements

Net Position: The following table summarizes the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2018, and June 30, 2017. The 2017 financial statements have been restated for the implementation of GASB No. 74 and a correction as explained in Note 12 to the financial statements.

	2018	2017 (As Restated)
Current assets	$ 26,922,321	$ 19,721,257
Restricted assets	2,679,593	2,639,983
Capital assets	28,736,564	28,992,037
Total assets	$ 58,338,478	$ 51,353,277
Deferred outflows of resources	$ 303,768	$ 375,315
Current liabilities	3,113,292	4,221,802
Long-term liabilities	1,549,388	1,610,564
Total liabilities	$ 4,662,680	$ 5,832,366
Deferred inflows of resources	$ 105,512	$ 2,263
Investment in capital assets	28,736,564	28,992,037
Restricted for capital projects	2,679,593	2,639,983
Restricted for rolling stock replacement	224,808	224,808
Unrestricted	22,233,089	14,037,135
Total net position	$ 53,874,054	$ 45,893,963

The Authority's total current assets increased by $7,201,064 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. Elements to consider related to these changes include:

- The Authority's unrestricted cash and cash equivalents increased approximately $8.8 million during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.
- The Authority's accounts receivable from the 1% sales tax and intergovernmental receivables increased approximately $2.4 million during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.
- The Authority had restricted investments of $2.7 million as of June 30, 2018.

Financial Statements (Continued)

Net Position (Continued): The Authority's capital and other long-term assets decreased by $255,473 during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2018. Elements to consider related to these changes include:

- For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, the Authority purchased capital assets in the amount of $2,365,349, while incurring depreciation on capital assets in the amount of $2,620,822. In addition, the Authority purchased investments in the net amount of $39,610.
- For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the Authority purchased capital assets in the amount of $14,034,171, while incurring depreciation on capital assets in the amount of $1,553,623. In addition, the Authority purchased investments in the amount of $478,788.

The Authority's current liabilities decreased by $1,108,510 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. The current year decrease is the result of the decrease in accounts payable of $1,011,872.

The Authority's long-term liabilities decreased by $61,176 during the current year because of the decrease in the net pension liability.

The Authority's net position increased by $7,980,091 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. These changes are attributed to change in the collection of the 1% penny sales tax and federal funds.

The Authority's changes are due to more aggressive practices and procedures to streamline processes.

Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position: The following table summarizes the revenues, expenses and changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017.

	2018	2017 (As Restated)
Operating revenues:		
Passenger fares	$ 2,169,462	$ 2,080,855
Advertising	44,196	75,561
Contracted services	90,073	67,942
Miscellaneous	9,877	15,952
Total operating revenues	$ 2,313,608	$ 2,240,310
Operating expenses:		
Contract services	13,936,607	13,593,636
Vehicle fuel	1,560,327	1,252,073
Other operating expense	3,098,561	3,559,431
Depreciation	2,620,822	1,553,623
Total operating expenses	$ 21,216,317	$ 19,958,763
Operating loss	$ (18,902,709)	$ (17,718,453)

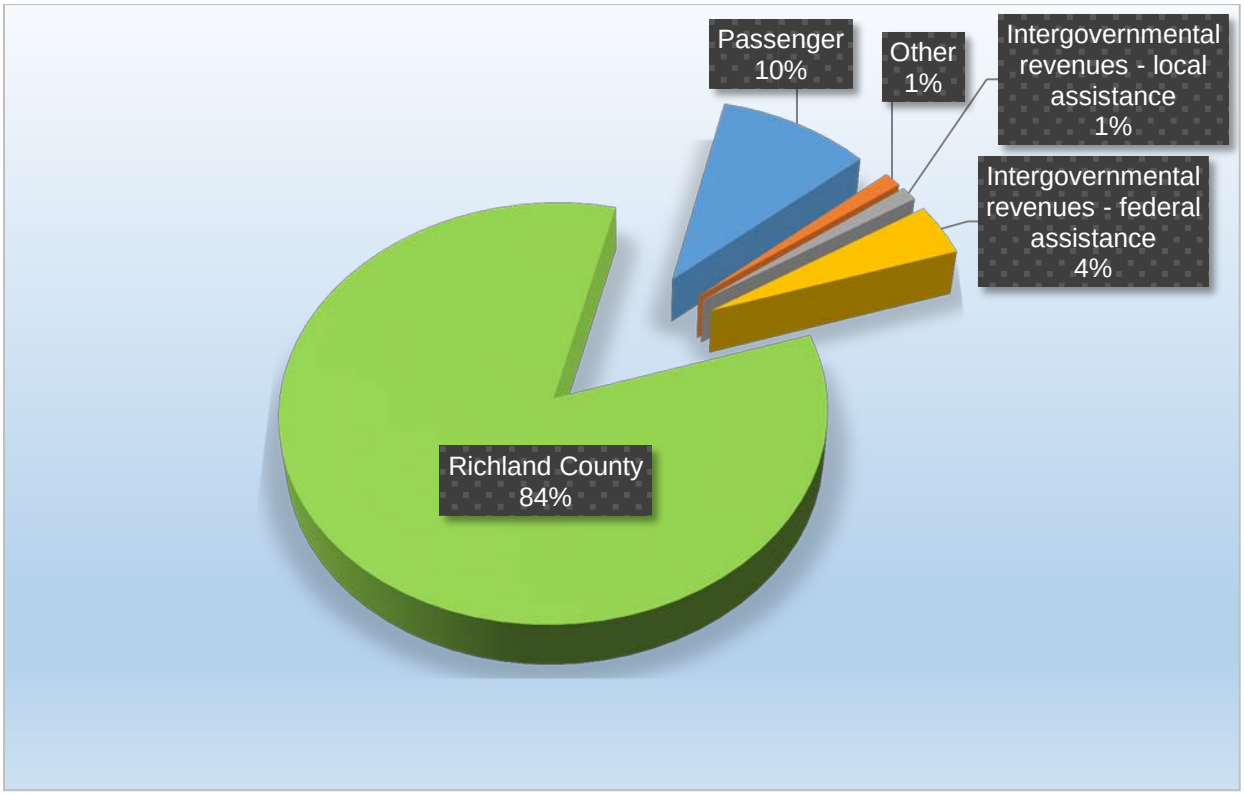
Financial Statements (Continued)

Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (Continued)

		2018		2017 (As Restated)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):				
Local revenue – City of Columbia	$	60,000	$	60,000
Local revenue – Lexington County		180,858		179,281
State mass transit funds		527,836		515,897
State rural transportation funds		178,798		191,317
Intergovernmental revenues - federal assistance		174,591		1,671,266
Richland County 1% Sales tax revenue		18,019,620		19,312,215
Interest income		43,327		55,621
Gain on Disposal of Capital Asset		63,211		0
Miscellaneous		18		0
Total nonoperating revenue, net	$	19,248,259	$	21,985,597
Capital contributions - federal grants	$	7,634,541	$	7,945,832
Change in net position	$	7,980,091	$	12,212,976
Beginning net position	$	45,893,863	$	33,680,987
Ending net position	$	53,874,054	$	45,893,963

Financial Statements (Continued)

Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (Continued): The following chart shows the major revenue sources and percentages for revenues as of June 30, 2018.



Note: Labels for some revenue accounts have been combined into an "Other" category because their individual portion was less than 1%.

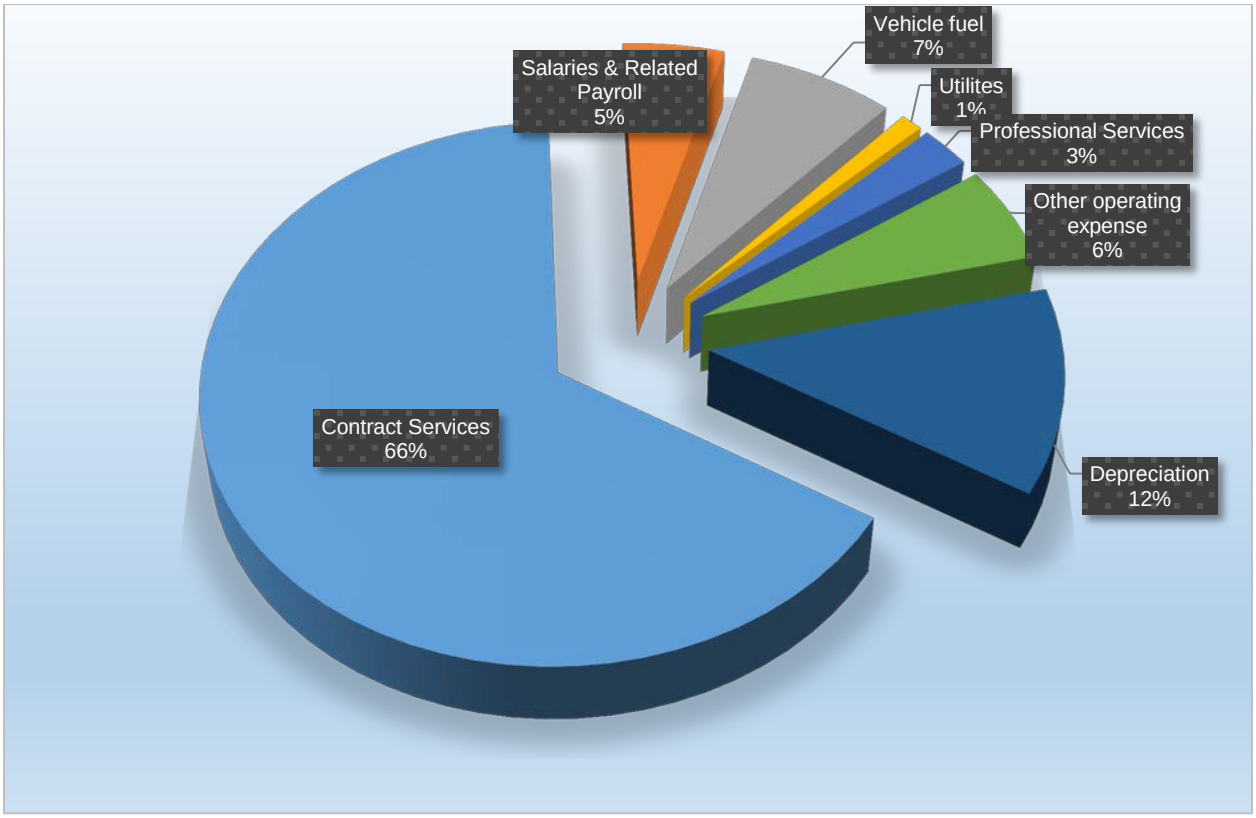
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, operating revenues of the Authority were $73,298, or 3.27% higher than 2017 revenues of $2,240,310. Elements to consider related to these changes include:

- Passenger Revenue, which includes ticket sales and farebox revenue, increased by 4.3% or $88,607. The increase can be attributed to continued discounts being offered to agencies that purchase tickets in bulk and new contract customers.

- Advertising revenue decreased by 41.5% from $75,561 in FY17 to $44,196 in FY18. As of FY 2018, The COMET discontinued internal advertisement and external bus wrap advertisement. This will be resumed in FY 2019.

Financial Statements (Continued)

Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (Continued): The following chart shows the major expenses and the percentage for the total expenses as of June 30, 2018.



Note: Because so many expense accounts exist, labels for some accounts have been combined into an "Other" category.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, operating expenses increased $1,257,554, or 6.3% to $21,216,317. Much of the current year increase in expenses is the result of increased contract services in the amount of $342,971, increased depreciation expense of $1,067,199, increased vehicle fuel of $308,354 and a significant decrease of other operating expenses of $460,870.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, non-operating revenues of the Authority totaled $19,248,259, which was approximately $2.7 million lower than 2017.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets: The Authority's investment in capital assets was $28,736,564 as of June 30, 2018. This represents less than 1% decrease in the Authority's capital asset balance of $28,992,037 as of June 30, 2017. These investments in capital assets include land, buildings, buses, and machinery and equipment. For additional information on capital assets, please see Note 3 in the Notes to Financial Statements.

During fiscal year 2018 with approved FTA grant funding, new fareboxes were purchased to replace current obsolete equipment. The Authority obtained 58 fareboxes, 39 Retrofit DR-700 systems, 14 road runner security cameras to install on buses.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration (Continued)

Debt Administration: The Authority had no long or short term debt to be paid in fiscal year 2018.

Single Audit

The Authority had projects which were audited for compliance as required by the Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). These audits report on the Authority's compliance with laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to major federal programs through which the Authority received grant revenues. The auditor's report on compliance did not identify any material weaknesses.

Potential Future Impacts

Stakeholders broadly recognized that transit is important for Richland County, the City of Columbia, Lexington County, and surrounding rural areas in terms of connection to jobs, health care, leisure activities and education. Authority stakeholders recognized the need for stable and reliable funding to support Authority operations as they improve existing services, reform and grow services based on a vision for regional transit services in the future. The vision for the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority proposes a new direction and approach to public transportation in the Midlands that will create a more innovative, connected and accessible system to facilitate a better quality of life for all Richland County and City of Columbia citizens. The Authority will be a partner for improving mobility in the region to many public and private agencies, in addition to many local jurisdictions.

There are a few significant activities impacting the financial aspects of the organization.

I. There has been an ongoing review of the transportation penny sales tax, passed by Richland County voters in November 2012, by the Department of Revenue (DOR) of the State of South Carolina. This review of the county funding and expenditures was initiated in April 2015 and by December 2015 had outlined key concerns by DOR with county expenditures. By April 2017, DOR had notified Richland County it would withhold funds until the county complied with DOR requests, which threatened the funding stream for The COMET. A June 2017 court hearing and a written order mandated that the Department of Revenue would release funds; DOR, however, has since appealed the decision and sought an administrative ruling that would prevent the Penny Sales Tax funds from being spent on any purchase that was not capital, or a hard asset. On October 25th an administrative law hearing occurred to explain the impact on The COMET should such a rule be enacted in that such a rule would prevent The COMET from using penny funds for operating expenses. At least 90% of all revenues to The COMET are directly generated by the Penny or from transit services. There remains an ongoing concern that the Penny Sales Tax may have its use restricted despite what was voted on in the 2012 referendum.

II. The Central Midlands Council of Governments conducted a transit center site selection study. This was a required first step to evaluate current and future operations needs for the system as well as identifies the types of infrastructure and amenities required for a growing transit system. Transit centers range in price from $10-$15 million, which means the organization needs to be prepared for a 5- to 7-year process with available capital match of as much as $4 million and the ability to expand a significant portion of future grant dollars on acquisition of property and construction of a facility.

Potential Future Impacts (Continued)

III. **Legal.** A lawsuit has been filed by a private citizen that claims the referendum and the ordinance does not comply with South Carolina legislation. The lawsuit questions whether the transit funding for the operation of mass transit services is permitted within the scope of the law. The Central Midlands Regional Transportation Authority ("CMRTA", also known as "The COMET") has intervened in that action to join Richland County in the defense of the action. That lawsuit is still pending in the Court of Common Pleas for Richland County before the Honorable G. Thomas Cooper, Judge. There are also additional lawsuits pending with South Carolina Human Affairs Commission ("SHAC").

IV. **Grant Opportunities**. Available grants will be sought by the Authority to increase and/or improve transit service for the Central Midlands area. These grants usually include but are not limited to 5307 (Urbanized Area Formula Program), 5310 (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities), 5339 (Bus and Bus Facilities Program) as well as Community Development Block Grants, Hospitality and Accommodations Tax Grants and/or Older American Act Grants. With the passage of the Transportation Penny Sales Tax, funds are being held in capital and operating reserves strictly for use as local matching dollars for Federal grants.

V. **Funding Sustainability**. The Authority receives a significant amount of revenues from Richland County to support public transit services. This is capped at 22 years or $300,991,000 whichever comes first. As a result, of revenues coming in faster than anticipated, it is expected that The COMET will reach its cap sooner than 22 years. This means that another referendum would be needed, or the Authority will need to slow down spending to extend the available funds to 22 years to support operational and capital needs of the Authority.

VI. **Governance**. The Authority presently has membership from the City of Columbia, Richland County, City of Forest Acres, Lexington County and Richland County Delegation. In addition, there are advisory members from the City of Cayce and Lexington County. As the Authority serves other jurisdictions within The COMET service area, there may be a request for additional representation from jurisdictions such as the Town of Eastover, Town of Blythewood and jurisdictions within Lexington County, including the Lexington County Delegation. The Authority will need to work towards addressing governance, as well as a review of the intergovernmental agreement between the jurisdictions that created the Authority.

VII. **Enhanced Services Types**. Public transportation is evolving and as a result, the Authority will need to diversify its services to ensure that the mobility needs of the Central Midlands are being met. This may result in a restructure of public transit services throughout the service area. The Authority was successful towards the end of FY2018 to obtain funding from the Central Midlands Council of Governments to fund a Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) and Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). The last COA was in completed in 2010. This SRTP and COA will provide The Authority the necessary tools to enhance transit services, develop additional mobility options to better serve the residents and visitors of the Central Midlands.

Potential Future Impacts (Continued)

VIII. **Marketing and Customer Information**. The Authority will be focusing on greater visibility and marketing of Authority transit services, which is essential to attracting and retaining customers as well as generating support within the community. Some strategies include keeping media outlets updated and engaged, redesigning the website as an information tool with trip planning information along with schedules and maps. The COMET has also initiated a class led program called The COMET Transit Leadership Academy to give individuals a behind the scenes look at transit operations. The COMET has also partnered with WIS TV to produce a commercial for the agency to highlight the advantage of transit services and other marketing/adverting for media exposure via billboards and local magazines.

Economic Condition, Outlook, and Activity

The Authority's operating and capital planning decisions are based on the strategic initiatives contained within its annual Strategic Plan and Vision 2020. The mission and vision statements of the Authority guide the initiatives.

Our primary mission is that The COMET provides safe, reliable, efficient, and customer-friendly mobility services throughout the Midlands region and stimulates economic development and enhances quality of life. Our vision is A high-quality public transit service that contributes to economic development, environmental sustainability and mobility solutions throughout the Midlands.

The Authority achieved significant accomplishments in FY 2018 that supported its strategic plan. The most notable of which are the following:

1. Hired a new executive director/CEO to provide executive oversight and stability for The COMET and compliance officer to ensure compliance with grants and programs.
2. Obtained funding from Central Midlands Council of Governments to prepare a short range transit plan and comprehensive operational analysis, as well as to implement a mobility management program.
3. Obtained 17 new 35 and 40 transit buses from New Flyer.
4. Amended the Transdev Fixed Route and Paratransit Program Management Contract and resolved the concerns regarding Transdev's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) compliance.
5. Launched the Soda Cap Connector and Blythewood Express services.
6. Reviewed the DART paratransit program service area and policies.
7. Completed the Federal Transit Administration Triennial Review.
8. Rewrapped a bus to feature veterans from each branch of the military whom have purple hearts.
9. Restructured transit services in the northeastern and northwestern portions of Richland County.
10. Reviewed the financial picture of The COMET to better understand how much funding is available to deliver transit services in Richland County and revised transit service to reflect the service levels that The COMET can afford after review of trip data.
11. A new Board member joined The COMET Board of Directors from Richland County.
12. Started the process to update policies and procedures and re-procure contracts.

Economic Condition, Outlook, and Activity (Continued)

In addition to these accomplishments, the following continued efforts support its strategic goals:

1. Employee development through an internship program, apprenticeship program, training and continuing education, employee awards and promotions.
2. Customer satisfaction through improved amenities, passenger access to information through the Transit Center and Call Center, and enhanced interaction with customers through social media.
3. Financial health through cost containment and revenue-generating activities.
4. Operations excellence through improved and innovative services.
5. Community relations through education, exposure, visibility, and special marketing campaigns and promotions.
6. Continuous improvement through new technology and enhanced processes.

The Authority's capital plan includes investing in a variety of projects as follows: replacement vehicles and improving passenger amenities.

The Authority always strives for operations excellence by implementing efficient and effective transit services, which includes service enhancements to The COMET fixed routes in FY2019 and implementation of pilot programs such as vanpool, Blue Bike and The COMET On The Go! The COMET On The Go! Is an exciting pilot program that provides a discount on Lyft and Uber services for our passengers wanting night time transportation, as well as transportation to and from fresh food markets serving produce and meats.

In FY2019, The Authority will be implementing the Transit Asset Management (TAM) program for compliance, which is also a better tool for capital planning. The Authority will continue to research funding options and continuously evaluate the effectiveness of each route to meet the growing demand for transit services while maintaining sustainable service levels. The Authority will continue to pursue public and private support toward increased transit use, and funding support to achieve our primary mission to provide a safe, reliable, and efficient transportation system for the Central Midlands region.

Request for Information

This financial overview is designed to provide readers with a general overview of the Authority's finances, and to show accountability. If you have questions or would like further information about this financial report, you may contact Rosalyn Andrews, Director of Finance/CFO at 3613 Lucius Road, Columbia, SC 29201, calling (803) 255-7135 or emailing Rosalyn.Andrews@catchthecomet.org

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2018

ASSETS		2018
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$	13,908,931
Accounts Receivable, Net		12,840,753
Interest Receivable		19,865
Ticket Inventory		15,018
Prepaid Expenses		137,754
Total Current Assets	$	26,922,321
Noncurrent Assets		
Restricted Investments	$	2,679,593
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation		28,736,564
Total Noncurrent Assets	$	31,416,157
TOTAL ASSETS	$	58,338,478
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred Outflows of Resources - Pension	$	303,339
Deferred Outflows of Resources - OPEB		429
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	$	303,768
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	$	3,044,039
Accrued Payroll and Related Liabilities		43,995
Compensated Absences Payable		25,258
Total Current Liabilities	$	3,113,292
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Net Pension Liability	$	1,536,867
Net OPEB Liability		81
Compensated Absences Payable		12,440
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	$	1,549,388
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$	4,662,680
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Pension	$	105,504
Deferred Inflows of Resources - OPEB		8
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	$	105,512
NET POSITION		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	$	28,736,564
Restricted for:		
Expendable Capital Projects		2,679,593
Rolling Capital Stock Replacement		224,808
Unrestricted		22,233,089
TOTAL NET POSITION	$	53,874,054

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of this Statement

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

		2018
OPERATING REVENUES		
Passenger Fares Revenue	$	2,169,462
Advertising		44,196
Contract Services		90,073
Miscellaneous		9,877
Total Operating Revenue	$	2,313,608
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Administrative Expense	$	1,444,144
Operations and Maintenance		16,044,821
Insurance		104,641
Technical Services		546,639
Utilities		237,079
Depreciation		2,620,822
Taxes and Fees		19,697
Expendable Capital Expense		198,474
Total Operating Expenses	$	21,216,317
Net Operating Income (Loss)	$	(18,902,709)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Local Revenue Lexington County	$	180,858
Local Revenue Columbia (In Kind)		60,000
Richland County 1% Sales Tax		18,019,620
SC OPEB Nonemployer Contribution		18
Investment Income (Loss)		43,327
Federal Grants and Contracts		174,591
State Revenue SMTF		527,836
Rural Transportation Grants		178,798
Gain on Disposal of Capital Assets		63,211
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	$	19,248,259
Income (Loss) Before Other Revenues, Expenses, Gains or Losses	$	345,550
Federal Capital Grants	$	7,634,541
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	$	7,980,091
Net Position - Beginning of Year (As Restated - Note 12)	$	45,893,963
Net Position - End of Year	$	53,874,054

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of this Statement

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

		2018
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Passenger Fares	$	2,117,660
Advertising		44,196
Contract Services		90,073
Miscellaneous		9,877
Payments to Vendors		(19,024,783)
Payments to Employees		(686,395)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	$	(17,449,372)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Sales Tax Collections	$	17,523,336
Local Revenue		179,655
State, Local and Federal Grants, Gifts and Contracts - Nonoperating		3,165,527
Other Income (Expense) - Nonoperating		18
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Noncapital Financing Activities	$	20,868,536
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Capital Grants - Federal	$	7,634,541
Proceeds From Sales of Capital Assets		63,211
Purchase of Capital Assets		(2,365,349)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	$	5,332,403
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest on Investments	$	43,029
Purchase of Investments		(3,419)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	$	39,610
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalent	$	8,791,177
Cash and Cash Equivalent - Beginning of Year		5,117,754
Cash and Cash Equivalent - End of Year	$	13,908,931
RECONCILIATION OF NET OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Operating Income (Loss)	$	(18,902,709)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation Expense		2,620,822
Change in Assets, Liabilities, and Deferred Resources:		
Operational Receivables, Net		(51,802)
Change in Net Pension Liability and Related Deferred Resources		101,226
Change in Net OPEB Liability and Related Deferred Resources		(46)
Change in Accrued Payroll and Related Liabilities		43,995
Change in Prepaid Expenses		(125,189)
Change in Accounts Payable		(1,011,872)
Change in Compensated Absences		19,448
Change in Unearned Revenue - Operating Activities		(147,514)
Change in Inventory		4,269
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	$	(17,449,372)
SUPPLEMENTAL NONCASH NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITY:		
Local Revenue Columbia (In Kind)	$	60,000

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of this Statement

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity: The Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (the "Authority"), is a public entity created in May 2000 under Section 58-25 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Regional Transit Authority Enabling Act. The Authority officially took over transit operations October 16, 2002. The primary purpose of the Authority is to administer, manage, and operate fixed route bus service and demand-response paratransit service, in and around the Columbia, South Carolina urbanized area. The Authority is governed by an 11-member Board of Directors and consists of representatives of the following jurisdictions: City of Columbia, Forest Acres, Lexington County, and Richland County. With receipt of mass transit funds, the Richland County Delegation makes appointments to the Board of Directors. The Authority has separate legal standing from all other units of government and is fiscally independent of all other units of local government. The Authority's Board of Directors has the sole authority to determine financial programs, establish fare, and issue bonded debt.

In evaluating how to define the government, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. Potential component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the Authority might be considered to be financially accountable. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GAAP, based on Statement No. 39 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The concept underlying the definition of the financial reporting entity is that elected officials are accountable to their constituents; it follows that an accountability perspective should provide the basis for defining the financial reporting entity. In accordance with that concept, the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority financial reporting entity consists only of the funds of the Authority, the primary government; no other separate entities have been included in the reporting entity (and these financial statements) because the Authority is not financially accountable for any other separate organizations, and there are no other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Authority is such that exclusion would cause the financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Financial Statements: The financial statement presentation for the Authority meets the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*. The financial statement presentation provides a comprehensive, entity-wide perspective of the Authority's net position, revenues, expenses and changes in net position and cash flows that replaces the fund-group perspective previously required.

Effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the Authority adopted GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. The Authority will now report its proportionate share of the State of South Carolina's net OPEB liability. This statement improves accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for postemployment benefits. As required by GASB, this statement was implemented retroactively by restating beginning net position. See note 7 for further discussion of this change.

Basis of Accounting: The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Proprietary funds are accounted for on the flow of economic resources measurement focus and use the accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, all assets and liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included in the Statement of Net Position. Net position is segregated into net investment in capital assets and restricted and unrestricted net position components. Proprietary fund operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in total net position. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

Fund Accounting: The Authority uses one fund to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions and activities.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The fund presented in this report is a Proprietary Fund Type – Enterprise Fund. Enterprise Funds are used to account for those operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business or where the Board has decided that the determination of revenues earned, costs incurred and/or net income is necessary of management accountability.

Cash and Cash Equivalents: For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Authority considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable: Accounts receivable consist mainly of the 1% transportation sales tax and grants receivable from other governments and are reported net of any allowance for bad debts. Such allowances are estimated based upon such factors as length of delinquency, historical analysis, and available means for collection enforcement.

Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets, liabilities and deferred outflows and inflows of resources at the date of the financial statements and revenues, expenditures/expenses, and other sources and uses recognized during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those amounts.

Investments: Deposits and investments for the Authority are governed by the South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 6, Chapter 5, "Investments of Funds by Political Subdivisions". The Authority has implemented GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures - an amendment to GASB Statement No. 3*. This statement requires disclosures related to deposit risks, such as custodial credit risk, and investment risks, such as credit risk (including custodial credit risk and concentrations of credit risks) and interest rate risk. The Authority accounts for its investments at fair value in accordance with GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*. Changes in unrealized gain (loss) on the carrying value of investments are reported as a component of investment income in the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position.

State statutes authorize the Authority to invest in obligations of the United States and its agencies, general obligations (not revenue obligations) of the State of South Carolina and its subdivisions, savings and loan associations to the extent of federal insurance, certificates of deposit collaterally secured, and repurchase agreements secured by the foregoing obligations.

Fair Value: The fair value measurement and disclosure framework provides for a three-tier fair value hierarchy that gives highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Authority can access at the measurement date.

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology, other than quoted prices included in Level 1, that are observable for an asset or liability either directly or indirectly and include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets.
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets.
- Inputs other than quoted market prices that are observable for the asset or liability.
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology that are unobservable for an asset or liability and include:

- Fair value is often based on developed models in which there are few, if any, observable inputs.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used should maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The valuation methodologies described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of future net realizable values or reflective of future fair values. The Authority believes that the valuation methods used are appropriate and consistent with GAAP. The use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date. There have been no significant changes from the prior year in the methodologies used to measure fair value.

Prepaid Expenses: Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2018, are recorded as prepaid expenses.

Inventory: Inventory, which is comprised of all-day passes, 10 ride passes, 5 day passes, 7 day passes, 31 day passes, all-day half fare passes, 5 day half fare passes, 7 day half fare passes, 31 day half fare passes, agency passes, DART tokens, and "U" passes are valued at cost, using an average cost method. The Authority utilizes the consumption method to recognize inventory usage. Under the consumption method, inventories are recorded as expenses when used rather than when purchased.

Restricted Assets: The Authority's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

Capital Assets: Capital assets are carried at cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. Capital assets are capitalized if their cost exceeds $1,500 and useful lives are expected to exceed one year. These assets are depreciated over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method as follows:

Assets	Years
Furniture and Fixtures	3-15
Machinery and Equipment	3-15
Non-Revenue Vehicles	5-7
Trolleys	12-14
Fixed Route Buses	12-14
Cutaway Buses	8-10
Minivans	8-10
Buildings	7-40

Maintenance and repairs of capital assets are charged to operations and major improvements are capitalized. Upon retirement, sale or other disposition of capital assets, the cost and accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the accounts, and a gain or loss is recognized. The Authority follows the guidelines of the Federal Transit Administration.

Compensated Absences: It is the Authority's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. Employees of the Authority may carry over a maximum of 240 hours of vacation to the next year, which may be taken either as time off or as pay upon termination. There is no liability for nonvesting accumulated rights to receive sick pay benefits. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the financial statements.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources: In addition to assets, the statement of net position and/or balance sheet 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(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until that time.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and/or balance sheet 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(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Pensions: For purpose of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position and additions to/deductions from the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. 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.

Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB): For purposes of measuring the Authority's OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the South Carolina Long-Term Disability Insurance Trust Fund (SCLTDITF) and additions to/deductions from the SCLTDITF net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the SCLTDITF Plan. For this purpose, the SCLTDITF recognize benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value, except for money market investments and participating interest earning investment contracts that have a maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less, which are reported at cost.

Net Position: Net position is classified and displayed in three components within the Statement of Net Position. These three classifications are as follows:

> *Net investment in capital assets:* This consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets.
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> *Restricted net position:* Restricted net position consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
>
> *Unrestricted net position:* It consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "investment in capital assets."

Capital Contributions: Capital contributions consist of capital grants or contributions typically from other governments.

Operating and Non-operating Revenues and Expenses: Operating revenues and expenses in the financial statements are those that result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. Also included are all revenues and expenses not related to capital and related financing, non-capital financing, or investing activities. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Subsequent Events: In preparing these financial statements, the Authority has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through January 24, 2019, the date the financial statements were available and issued.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Total cash and cash equivalents as of June 30, 2018 are summarized as follows:

As Reported in the Statement of Net Position:	2018
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 13,908,931
Restricted:	
Investments	2,679,593
	$ 16,588,524
Cash Deposited with Financial Institutions	$ 13,908,663
Certificate of Deposit	2,679,593
Petty Cash	268
	$ 16,588,524

The restricted investment is restricted for capital improvements and repairs to buses.

Interest Rate Risk

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

At June 30, 2018, information on the interest rate risk related to the Authority's investments is disclosed as follows:

Investment Type	Maturities		Fair Value
Certificate of Deposit	June 6, 2019	$	1,054,833
Certificate of Deposit	April 30, 2020		520,334
Certificate of Deposit	January 14, 2021		597,031
Certificate of Deposit	September 16, 2021		507,395
Total Investments		$	2,679,593

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. State statutes require all deposits and investments (other than federal and state government instruments) to be collateralized by depository insurance, obligations of the U.S. government, or bonds of public authorities, counties, or municipalities. As of June 30, 2018, all the Authority's funds which were uninsured were collateralized as required by South Carolina state statues and as defined by GASB pronouncements. The bank balance as of June 30, 2018 totaled $16,657,409 and the carrying value of cash and certificates of deposit totaled $16,558,256. Of the total bank balance, $1,000,000 was covered by depository insurance, $2,679,593 was covered by depository insurance through the CDAR's program, and $12,977,816 was collateralized with securities held by pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Authority's name.

NOTE 3 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2018 is as follows:

	Beginning Balance July 1, 2017 (As Restated)	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance June 30, 2018
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 1,742,522	$ 0	$ 0	$ 1,742,522
Total capital assets not being depreciated	$ 1,742,522	$ 0	$ 0	$ 1,742,522
Other capital assets:				
Buildings	$ 13,994,268	$ 0	$ 0	$ 13,994,268
DART Vehicles	2,776,924	0	(911,244)	1,865,680
Fixed Route Buses	25,149,926	298,205	(6,288,066)	19,160,065
Vehicles (Automobiles)	111,115	19,952	(11,444)	119,623
Machinery and Equipment	3,319,773	2,047,192	0	5,366,965
Furniture and Fixtures	222,903	0	0	222,903
Total other capital assets	$ 45,574,909	$ 2,365,349	$ (7,210,754)	$ 40,729,504
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	$ (5,031,706)	$ (530,946)	$ 0	$ (5,562,652)
Vehicles (All)	(10,631,036)	(1,754,552)	7,210,754	(5,174,834)
Machinery and Equipment	(2,545,492)	(315,461)	0	(2,860,953)
Furniture and Fixtures	(117,160)	(19,863)	0	(137,023)
Total accumulated depreciation	$ (18,325,394)	$ (2,620,822)	$ 7,210,754	$ (13,735,462)
Other capital assets, net	$ 27,249,515	$ (255,473)	$ 0	$ 26,994,042
Capital assets, net	$ 28,992,037	$ (255,473)	$ 0	$ 28,736,564

NOTE 4 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable as of June 30, 2018, including applicable allowances, are summarized as follows:

	2018
Richland County 1% Sales Tax	$ 11,980,920
Local Government	15,954
Tickets and Contract Services	109,771
Due From Other Governments	734,108
Total Accounts Receivable	$ 12,840,753

At June 30, 2018, the allowance for uncollectible accounts is valued at $0.

NOTE 5 – LEASES

The Authority leases the main transit center and the smaller transit stop from the City of Columbia to assist in its operation of the public transportation system. The City of Columbia does not charge for this lease, but rather treats it as a donation. The total fair market value of this lease for the year ended June 30, 2018 is $60,000.

NOTE 6 - PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLAN

Plan Description

The South Carolina Retirement System (SCRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, was established effective July 1, 1945, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-1-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other benefits for employees of the state, its public school districts, and political subdivisions.

The South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA), which was created July 1, 2012, administers the various retirement systems and retirement programs managed by its Retirement Division. PEBA has an 11-member Board of Directors, appointed by the Governor and General Assembly leadership, which serves as co-trustee and co-fiduciary of the systems and the trust funds. By law, the Budget and Control Board, which consists of five elected officials, also reviews certain PEBA Board decisions regarding the funding of the South Carolina Retirement Systems (Systems) and serves as a co-trustee of the Systems in conducting that review.

PEBA issues a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) containing financial statements and required supplementary information for the Systems' Pension Trust Funds. The CAFR is publicly available through the Retirement Benefits' link on PEBA's website at www.peba.sc.gov, or a copy may be obtained by submitting a request to PEBA, PO Box 11960, Columbia, SC 29211-1960. PEBA is considered a division of the primary government of the state of South Carolina and therefore, retirement trust fund financial information is also included in the comprehensive annual financial report of the state.

Membership

Membership requirements are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. A brief summary of the requirements under the system is presented below.

> SCRS - Generally, all employees of covered employers are required to participate in and contribute to the system as a condition of employment. This plan covers general employees and teachers and individuals newly elected to the South Carolina General Assembly beginning with the November 2012 general election. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership prior to July 1, 2012, is a Class Two member. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership on or after July 1, 2012, is a Class Three member.

Benefits

Benefit terms are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. PEBA does not have the authority to establish or amend benefit terms without a legislative change in the code of laws. Key elements of the benefit calculation include the benefit multiplier, years of service, and average final compensation. A brief summary of the benefits term is presented below.

> SCRS – A Class Two member who has separated from service with at least five or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 65 or with 28 years credited service regardless of age. A member may elect early retirement with reduced pension benefits payable at age 55 with 25 years of service credit. A Class Three member who has separated from service with at least eight or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension upon satisfying the Rule of 90 requirement that the total of the member's age and the member's creditable services equals at least 90 years. Both Class Two and Class Three members are eligible to receive a reduced deferred annuity at age 60 if they satisfy the five- or eight-year earned service requirement, respectively. An incidental death benefit is also available to beneficiaries of active or retired members of employers who participate in the death benefit program.

NOTE 6 - PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLAN (continued)

The annual retirement allowance of eligible retirees or their surviving annuitants is increased by the lesser of one percent or five hundred dollars every July 1. Only those annuitants in receipt of a benefit on July 1 of the preceding year are eligible to receive the increase. Members who retire under the early retirement provisions at age 55 with 25 years of service are not eligible for the benefit adjustment until the second July 1 after reaching age 60 or the second July 1 after the date they would have had 28 years of service credit had they not retired.

Contributions

Contributions are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. The PEBA Board may increase the SCRS employer and employee contribution rates on the basis of the actuarial valuations, but any such increase may not result in a differential between the employee and the employer contribution rate that exceeds 2.9 percent of earnable compensation for SCRS. An increase in the contribution rates adopted by the board may not provide for an increase of more than one-half of one percent in any one year. If the scheduled employee and employer contributions provided in statute or the rates last adopted by the board are insufficient to maintain a thirty year amortization schedule of the unfunded liabilities of the plans, the board shall increase the contribution rates in equal percentage amounts for the employer and employee as necessary to maintain the thirty-year amortization period; and, this increase is not limited to one-half of one percent per year.

- Required employee contribution rates[1] are as follows:

	2018
SCRS	
Employee Class Two	9.00%
Employee Class Three	9.00%

- Required employer contribution rates[1] are as follows:

	2018
SCRS	
Employer Class Two	13.41%
Employer Class Three	13.41%
Employer Incidental Death Benefit	0.15%

[1] Calculated on earnable compensation as defined in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Employer contribution rates increased by more than one percentage point for the 2017-2018 fiscal year; therefore, in accordance with the South Carolina 2017-2018 Appropriation Act, Section 117.151 State funds were appropriated to PEBA for the Retirement Trust Funds. PEBA issued credit invoices to each employer for one percent of employer contributions based on its share of the appropriated funds. The Authority's share of appropriated funds were $7,448 and will be reported as revenues from a contribution made by a non-employer contributing entity and a reduction of net pension liability as of the June 30, 2018 measurement date.

Contributions to the pension plan from the Authority were as follows for the year ended June 30, 2018:

	2018
SCRS	$ 87,092

NOTE 6 - PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLAN (continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2018, the Authority reported $1,536,867 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability of SCRS. The net pension liability of each defined benefit pension plan was determined based on the July 1, 2016 actuarial valuations, using membership data as of July 1, 2016, projected forward to June 30, 2017, and financial information of the pension trust funds as of June 30, 2017, using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The Authority's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Authority's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. At June 30, 2018, the Authority SCRS proportion was .006827 percent measured as of June 30, 2017. The Authority's proportionate share for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 as of the measurement date of June 30, 2016 for the SCRS was .007540 percent.

Pension Expense

Components of collective pension expense reported in the Schedules of Pension Amounts by Employer for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, are presented below:

Description	SCRS
Service cost (annual cost of current service)	$ 54,893
Interest on the total pension liability	226,523
Changes in plan benefits	0
Plan administrative costs	920
Plan member contributions	(56,428)
Expected return on plan assets	(120,167)
Recognition of current year amortization – Difference between expected and actual experience	40,536
Recognition of current year amortization – Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	9,393
Other	106
Change in proportionate share	31,638
Total Pension Expense	$ 187,414

Additional items included in Total Employer Pension Expense in the Schedules of Pension Amounts by Employer are the current period amortized portions of deferred outflows and/or inflows of resources related to changes in employers' proportionate share of the collective net pension liability and differences between actual employer contributions and proportionate share of total plan employer contributions. These two deferrals are specific to cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans as discussed in paragraphs 54 and 55 of GASB 68.

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NOTE 6 - PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLAN (continued)

At June 30, 2018, the Authority reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

		SCRS
Deferred Outflows of Resources:		
Difference between expected and actual experience	$	6,851
Assumption changes		89,967
Net difference between projected and actual earnings		42,902
Deferred amounts from changes in proportionate share and difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of total plan employer contributions		76,527
Authority contributions subsequent to measurement date		87,092
	$	303,339

		SCRS
Deferred Inflows of Resources:		
Net difference between expected and actual experience	$	852
Deferred amounts from changes in proportionate share and difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of total plan employer contributions		104,652
	$	105,504

Authority contributions subsequent of the measurement date of $87,092 reported as deferred outflows of resources for the SCRS, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30:		SCRS
2019	$	73,666
2020		41,688
2021		9,740
2022		(14,351)
Thereafter		0
	$	110,743

Payable to Pension Plan

At June 30, 2018, the Authority had $0 in outstanding payables to the plans for legally required contributions.

NOTE 6 - PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLAN (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

Actuarial valuations of the ongoing plan involve estimates of the reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumption about future employment, mortality, and future salary increases. Amounts determined during the valuation process are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. South Carolina state statute requires that an actuarial experience study be completed at least once in each five-year period. An experience report on the systems was most recently issued as of July 1, 2015.

The June 30, 2017, total pension liability (TPL), net pension liability (NPL), and sensitivity information shown in this report were determined by the consulting actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company (GRS) and are based on an actuarial valuation performed as of July 1, 2016. The total pension liability was rolled-forward from the valuation date to the plans' fiscal year end, June 30, 2017, using generally accepted actuarial principles. The Retirement System Funding and Administration Act of 2017 was signed into law April 25, 2017, and included a provision to reduce the assumed rate of return from 7.50% to 7.25% effective July 1, 2017. As a result of this legislation, GRS made an adjustment to the calculation of the roll-forward total pension liability for this assumption change as of the measurement date of June 30, 2017.

The following table provides a summary of the actuarial assumptions and methods used to calculate the TPL as of June 30, 2017.

	SCRS
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Investment rate of return[1]	7.25%
Projected salary increases	3.0% to 12.5% (varies by service) [1]
Benefit adjustments	lesser of 1% or $500 annually
[1] *includes inflation at 2.25%*	

The post-retiree mortality assumption is dependent upon the member's job category and gender. The base mortality assumptions, the 2016 Public Retirees of South Carolina Mortality table (2016 PRSC), was developed using the Systems' mortality experience. These base rates are adjusted for future improvements in mortality using published Scale AA projected from the year 2016.

Assumptions used in the determination of the June 30, 2017, TPL are as follows:

Former Job Class	Males	Females
Educators	2016 PRSC Males multiplied by 92%	2016 PRSC Females multiplied by 98%
General Employees and Members of the General Assembly	2016 PRSC Males multiplied by 100%	2016 PRSC Females multiplied by 111%

The TPL is calculated by the Systems' actuary, and each plan's fiduciary net position is reported in the System's financial statements. The NPL is disclosed in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67 in the Systems' notes to the financial statements and required supplementary information. Liability calculations performed by the Systems' actuary for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of GASB Nos. 67 and 68 are not applicable for other purposes, such as determining the plans' funding requirements.

NOTE 6 - PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLAN (continued)

The NPL is calculated separately for each system and represents that particular system's TPL determined in accordance with GASB No. 67 less that System's fiduciary net position. NPL totals, as of June 30, 2017, for SCRS is presented below.

System	Total Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Employers' Net Position Liability (Asset)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
SCRS	$ 48,244,437,494	$ 25,732,829,268	$ 22,511,608,226	53.3%

Long-term Expected Rate of Return

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is based upon the 30 year capital market assumptions. The long-term expected rate of returns represent assumptions developed using an arithmetic building block approach primarily based on consensus expectations and market based inputs. Expected returns are net of investment fees.

The expected returns, along with the expected inflation rate, form the basis for the target asset allocation adopted at the beginning of the 2017 fiscal year. The long-term expected rate of return is produced by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target allocation percentage and adding expected inflation and is summarized in the table following. For actuarial purposes, the 7.25 percent assumed annual investment rate of return used in the calculation of the total pension liability includes a 5.00 percent real rate of return and a 2.25 percent inflation component.

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Expected Arithmetic Real Rate of Return	Long Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Global Equity	**45.0%**		
Global Public Equity	31.0%	6.72%	2.08%
Private Equity	9.0%	9.60%	0.86%
Equity Options Strategies	5.0%	5.91%	0.30%
Real Assets	**8.0%**		
Real Estate (Private)	5.0%	4.32%	0.22%
Real Estate (REITs)	2.0%	6.33%	0.13%
Infrastructure	1.0%	6.26%	0.06%
Opportunistic	**17.0%**		
GTAA/Risk Parity	10.0%	4.16%	0.42%
Hedge Funds (non-PA)	4.0%	3.82%	0.15%
Other Opportunistic Strategies	3.0%	4.16%	0.12%
Diversified Credit	**18.0%**		
Mixed Credit	6.0%	3.92%	0.24%
Emerging Markets Debt	5.0%	5.01%	0.25%
Private Debt	7.0%	4.37%	0.31%
Conservative Fixed Income	**12.0%**		
Core Fixed Income	10.0%	1.60%	0.16%
Cash and Short Duration (Net)	2.0%	0.92%	0.02%
Total Expected Real Return	100.0%		5.31%
Inflation for Actuarial Purposes			2.25%
Total Expected Nominal Return			7.56%

NOTE 6 - PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLAN (continued)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from participating employers in SCRS will be made based on the actuarially determined rates based on provisions in the South Carolina Code of Laws. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity Analysis

The following table presents the collective net pension liability of the participating employers calculated using the discount rate of 7.25 percent, as well as what the employers' net pension liability would be if it were calculated using the discount rate that is 1.00 percent lower (6.25 percent) or 1.00 percent higher (8.25 percent) than the current rate.

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate			
System	**1% Decrease (6.25%)**	**Current Discount Rate (7.25%)**	**1% Increase (8.25%)**
SCRS	$ 1,980,811	$ 1,536,867	$ 1,267,498

NOTE 7 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS

Plan Description

The South Carolina Long-Term Disability Insurance Trust Fund (SCLTDITF), were established by the State of South Carolina as of Act 195, which became effective on May 2008. The SCLTDITF was created to fund and account for the employer costs of the State's Basic Long-Term Disability Income Benefit Plan.

In accordance with Act 195, the OPEB Trust is administered through South Carolina Public Employment Benefit Authority (PEBA), Insurance Benefits and the State Treasurer is the custodian of the funds held in trust. The Board of Directors of PEBA has been designated as the Trustee.

The OPEB Trust is cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan. Article 5 of the State Code of Laws defines the plan and authorized the Trustee to at any time adjust the plan, including its benefits and contributions, as necessary to insure the fiscal stability of the plan. In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws the State provides post-employment long-term disability to eligible employees.

Benefits

The SCLTDITF is a long-term disability plan that covers employees of the State of South Carolina, including all agencies and public school districts and all participating local government entities. The SCLTDITF provides disability payments to eligible employees that have been approved for disability.

Contributions and Funding Policies

BLTD benefits are funded through a person's premium charged to State agencies, public school districts and other participating local governments. The monthly premium per active employee was $3.22 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. The SCLTDITF premium is billed monthly by PEBA, Insurance Benefits and transferred monthly to the SCLTDITF. It is also funded through investment income.

NOTE 7 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (continued)

In accordance with part (b) of paragraph 69 of GASB Statement No. 75, participating employers recognize revenue in an amount equal to the employers proportionate share of the change in the collective net OPEB liability arising from contributions to the OPEB plan during the measurement period from non-employer contributing entities for purposes other than the separate financing of specific liabilities to the OPEB plan. Therefore, employers classify this revenue in the same manner as it classifies grants from other entities. The Authority's proportionate share of appropriated funds was $18 and is reported as revenues from a contribution made by a non-employer contributing entity.

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the OPEB Trust, and additions to and deductions from the OPEB Trust fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they were reported by the OPEB Trust. For this purpose, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. Therefore, benefit and administrative expenses are recognized when due and payable. Investments are reported at fair value.

Contributions to the OPEB plan from the Authority were as follows for the year ended June 30, 2018:

SCLTDITF	$	390

The Authority also recorded fringe benefit expenses for insurance benefits for active employees in the amount of $57,455 for the year ended June 30, 2018.

A copy of the separately issued financial statements for the benefit plan and the trust fund may be obtained by writing to the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority – Insurance Benefits Division, P.O. Box 11960, Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1960.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions

At June 30, 2018, Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority reported an OPEB liability of $81 for Long-Term Disability Insurance. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation at June 30, 2016, rolled forward to the measurement date. At June 30, 2017, the Authority's proportion of the OPEB Long-Term Disability Liability was .004493%, the same as it's proportion as of June 30, 2016.

For the year ended June 30, 2018, Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority recognized OPEB Long-Term Disability expense of $81 for OPEB Long-Term Disability. At June 30, 2018, the Authority reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) for South Carolina Long-Term Disability Insurance Trust Fund (SCLTDITF) from the following sources:

		Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources
Assumption Changes	$	0	$	7
Investment Experience		39		0
Outstanding balance between Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority contributions and proportionate share of plan contributions		0		1
Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority contributions subsequent to the measurement date		390		0
Total	$	429	$	8

NOTE 7 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (continued)

$390 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority OPEB Long-Term Disability Insurance contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows or resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB Long-Term Disability will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:		
2019	$	8
2020		9
2021		9
2022		9
2023		(1)
Thereafter		(3)
	$	31

Payable to OPEB Plans

As of June 30, 2018, the Authority had $0 in outstanding payables to the SCLTDITF at year end.

Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

The following table provides a summary of the actuarial assumptions and methods used in the June 30, 2016 actuarial valuation for SCLTDITF:

Actuarial Assumptions:	**SCLTDITF**
Valuation date	June 30, 2016
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Inflation	2.25%
Investment rate of return	4.00, net of Plan investment expense; including inflation
Single discount rate	3.87% as of June 30, 2017
Salary, Termination, and Retirement Rates	Based on the experience study performed for the South Carolina Retirement Systems for the 5-year period ending June 30, 2015
Disability Incidence	The rates used in the valuation are based on the rates developed for the South Carolina Retirement Systems plans
Disability Recovery	For participants in payment, 1987 CGDT Group Disability; for active employees, 60% were assumed to recover after the first year and 92% were assumed to recover after the first two years
Offsets	40% are assumed to be eligible for Social Security benefits; assumed percentage who will be eligible for a pension plan offset varies based on employee group
Expenses	The investment return assumption is net of the investment expenses; Third party administrative expenses are included in the benefit projections
Notes	The discount rate changed from 3.74% as of June 30, 2016 to 3.87% as of June 30, 2017

NOTE 7 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (continued)

Roll Forward Disclosure

The actuarial valuation was performed as of June 30, 2016. Update procedures were used to roll forward the total OPEB liability to June 30, 2017.

Net OPEB Liability

The Net OPEB Liability (NOL) is calculated separately for the OPEB Trust Fund and represents the Trust's Total OPEB Liability (TOL) determined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74 less that Trust's fiduciary net position. The allocation of each employer's proportionate share of the collective Net OPEB Liability and collective OPEB expense was determined using the employer's payroll-related contributions over the measurement period. This method is expected to be reflective of the employer's long-term contribution effort as well as be transparent to individual employers and their external auditors.

The following table represents the net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2017:

OPEB TRUST	Total OPEB Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Employers' Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability
SCLTDITF	$ 38,510,568	$ 36,697,589	$ 1,812,979	95.29%

The TOL is calculated by the Trust's actuary, and the Trust fiduciary net position is reported in the Trust financial statements. The NOL is disclosed in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 74 in the Trust notes to the financial statements and required supplementary information. Liability calculations performed by the Trust's actuary for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of GASB Statements No. 74 and 75 and are not applicable for the other purposes, such as determining the Trust's funding requirements.

Single Discount Rate

A Single Discount Rate of 3.87% was used to measure the total OPEB liability for the SCLTDITF. This Single Discount Rate was based on an expected rate of return on plan investments of 4.00% and a municipal bond rate 3.56%. The projection of cash flows to determine this Single Discount Rate assumed that employer contributions will remain $38.64 per year for each covered active employee. Based on these assumptions, the plan's Fiduciary Net Position and future contributions were sufficient to finance the benefit payments through the year 2037. As a result, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to project benefit payments through the year 2037, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all benefit payments after that date.

Long Term Expected Rate of Return

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	Allocation-Weighted Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
U.S. Domestic Fixed Income	80.00%	2.09%	1.67%
Cash	20.00%	0.84%	0.17%
Total	100.00%		1.84%
Expected Inflation			2.25%
Total Return			4.09%
Investment Return Assumption			4.00%

NOTE 7 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (continued)

For the SCLTDITF, the annual money-weighted rate of return on the plan investment was 1.00%, respectively.

Sensitivity Analysis

The following table presents the Authority's proportionate share of the SCLTDITF net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.87 percent, as well as what the Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.87 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (4.87 percent) than the current rate:

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

1.00% Decrease (2.87%)	Current Discount Rate (3.87%)	1.00% Increase (4.87%)
$145	$81	$19

NOTE 8 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Grant income from local governments and federal grantor agencies for the year ended June 30, 2018 totaled $8,515,766. This amount constitutes a significant portion of the change in net position and is expected to recur in an unpredictable pattern directly related to successful grant awards.

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

NOTE 9 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to: torts, thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Authority is a participant in the South Carolina Insurance Reserve Fund, which is a cooperative group of governmental entities joining together to finance insurance exposure, liability, and risk. The Authority's risks covered within this pool are property (both building and personal), data processing equipment, business interruption, builder's risk, inland marine, torts, and automobiles.

The South Carolina Insurance Reserve Fund does not cover risks associated with a whistle-blower action, breaches of contract, debt guarantee of others, property tax appeals, automobile/aircraft/watercraft in excess of 26 feet in length, liability from pre-arranged speed contest, pollution liability (except sudden and accidental), war, workers' compensation, bodily injury to fellow employees, and professional liability of medical practitioners and architects.

Expenses for coverage through the South Carolina Insurance Reserve Fund for the year ended June 30, 2018 totaled $104,641. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the previous year and no settlements have exceeded insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years ended June 30, 2018, 2017, and 2016.

For all covered risks, the transfer of risk culminates upon filing a claim. Consequently, for items not covered, the members separately purchase policies to bear the risk up to policy premiums. For the year ended June 30, 2018, there were no liabilities which exceeded the coverage available through the South Carolina Insurance Reserve Fund and separate purchased carriers.

NOTE 10 - LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Contingent Rentals
Contingent rentals are defined, for purposes of this audit report, as rental agreements that can be cancelled by the Authority at any point with no further financial obligation. The Authority currently has one type of contingent rental specifically covering and office copiers. Details of those contingent rentals are as follows:

Rental Agreement	Year	Expended for Contingent Rentals
Copiers	2018	$ 9,085

NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-term liabilities activity for the year ended June 30, 2018 was as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2017	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2018	Due within one year
Compensated Absences Payable	$ 18,138	$ 37,698	$ 18,138	$ 37,698	$ 25,258
	$ 18,138	$ 37,698	$ 18,138	$ 37,698	$ 25,258

NOTE 12 – RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR FUND EQUITY

A prior period adjustment was made as a result of implementing GASB No. 75 and the correction of errors.

Net Position, June 30, 2017, As Originally Reported	$ 45,881,767
Capital Asset Understated in Prior Year	12,029
Net OPEB Liability – SCLTDITF	(31)
Deferred Outflows of Resources – SCLTDITF	325
Understated Prior Year Liabilities	(127)
	$ 45,893,963

NOTE 13 – RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

GASB has issued GASB Statement No. 87 *Leases* in June 2017. This standard requires all leases to be reported as capital leases and eliminates the classification of an operating lease unless the lease is a short term, defined as 12 months or less. Under the single approach to accounting for and reporting leases, a lessee will recognize a lease liability and corresponding intangible asset representing the lessee's controlling "right to use" the asset. This standard is applicable for periods beginning after December 15, 2019.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF THE AUTHORITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year									
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
South Carolina Retirement System (SCRS)										
Authority's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.068270%	0.007540%	0.007543%	0.006037%						
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	$ 1,536,687	$ 1,610,533	$ 1,430,566	$ 1,039,371	$	$	$	$	$	$
Authority's covered payroll	$ 560,704	$ 585,525	$ 568,742	$ 448,840	$	$	$	$	$	$
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	274.10%	275.10%	251.50%	231.60%						
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	53.30%	52.90%	57.00%	59.90%						

Notes: The amounts presented above for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of the plan's fiscal year end.

The Authority is retroactively reporting data back to the year of GASB Statement No. 68 implementation, which was fiscal year ending 2015. Information on the proportionate share of net position liability is not available prior to that fiscal year.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF THE AUTHORITY'S CONTRIBUTIONS - PENSION PLAN
SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year									
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
South Carolina Retirement System (SCRS)										
Contractually required contribution	$ 87,092	$ 80,755	$ 77,090	$ 58,099	$	$	$	$	$	$
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(87,092)	(80,755)	(77,090)	(58,099)						
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$	$	$	$	$	$
Authority's covered payroll	$ 697,196	$ 585,525	$ 568,742	$ 448,840	$	$	$	$	$	$
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	12.49%	13.79%	13.55%	12.94%						

Notes: The amounts presented above for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of the plan's fiscal year end.

The Authority is retroactively reporting data back to the year of GASB Statement No. 68 implementation, which was fiscal year ending 2015. Information on the proportionate share of net position liability is not available prior to that fiscal year.

The table below provides a summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in calculations of the actuarially determined contributions for the South Carolina Retirement System (SCRS). This information was obtained from the financial statements of the SCRS, which is administered by the retirement division of the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA) for the year ended June 30, 2017.

Summary of Actuarial Methods and Significant Assumptions

	SCRS
Valuation date	07/01/16
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization method	Level percent of pay
Amortization period	30 years, open
Asset Valuation method	20% difference recognition method
Inflation rate	2.25%
Projected salary increases	3.0% to 12.5% (varies by service)[1]
Investment rate of return	7.25%
Benefit adjustments	Lesser of 1.0% or $500 annually

[1] *Includes inflation at 2.25%.*

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF THE AUTHORITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY
LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year									
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
South Carolina Long-Term Disability Insurance Trust Fund										
Authority's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.004493%	0.004493%								
Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	$ 81	$ 31	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Authority's covered payroll	$ N/A	$ N/A	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	N/A	N/A								
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	95.29%	98.15%								

Notes: The OPEB schedule is intended to show information for ten years; additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available.

The amount presented above for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of the plan's fiscal year end.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF THE AUTHORITY'S CONTRIBUTIONS - OPEB PLAN
LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year									
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
South Carolina Long-Term Disability Insurance Trust Fund										
Contractually required contribution	$ 390	$ 325	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution	(390)	(325)								
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ 0	$ 0	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Authority's covered payroll	$ N/A	$ N/A	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Contributions as a portion of covered payroll	N/A	N/A								

Notes: The OPEB schedule is intended to show information for ten years; additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available.

The amount presented above for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of the plan's fiscal year end.

The table below provides a summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in calculations of the actuarially determined contributions for the South Carolina Long-Term Disability Trust Fund (SCLTDTF). This information was obtained from the financial statements of South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA), Insurance Benefits and Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Funds for the year ended June 30, 2017.

Summary of Actuarial Methods and Significant Assumptions

Actuarial Assumptions:	**SCLTDITF**
Valuation date	June 30, 2016
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Inflation	2.25%
Investment rate of return	4.00, net of Plan investment expense; including inflation
Single discount rate	3.87% as of June 30, 2017
Salary, Termination, and Retirement Rates	Based on the experience study performed for the South Carolina Retirement Systems for the 5-year period ending June 30, 2015
Disability Incidence	The rates used in the valuation are based on the rates developed for the South Carolina Retirement Systems plans
Disability Recovery	For participants in payment, 1987 CGDT Group Disability; for active employees, 60% were assumed to recover after the first year and 92% were assumed to recover after the first two years
Offsets	40% are assumed to be eligible for Social Security benefits; assumed percentage who will be eligible for a pension plan offset varies based on employee group
Expenses	The investment return assumption is net of the investment expenses; Third party administrative expenses are included in the benefit projections
Notes	The discount rate changed from 3.74% as of June 30, 2016 to 3.87% as of June 30, 2017

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

SCHEDULE OF OPERATING AND NONOPERATING REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

		2018
REVENUES		
Operating Revenues		
Passenger Fares Revenue	$	2,169,462
Advertising		44,196
Contract Services		90,073
Miscellaneous		9,877
Total Operating Revenue	$	2,313,608
EXPENSES		
Operating Expenses		
Contract Services:		
Contract Service- Fixed Route	$	11,917,875
Contract Services - DART		2,018,732
Vehicle Fuel		1,560,327
Facility Rental Expense		60,000
Salaries and Related Payroll Costs:		
Salaries		724,867
Annual Leave		25,550
Sick Leave		4,824
Bereavement		330
Other Paid Leave		11,084
Retirement		193,573
FICA and Medicare		54,174
Health Insurance		57,427
Workers Compensation		567
SC Unemployment		5,556
Contract Labor		122,617
Repairs and Maintenance:		
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance		38,859
Vehicle Repairs & Maintance Capital Grants		61,635
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance Preventive Maintenance		39,820
Transit Facility Repairs & Maintenance General		16,016
Transit Facility Repairs & Maintenance Preventive Maintenance		470
Transit Facility Repairs & Maintenance Grants		123,937
Software and Equipment Maintenance		178,050
Federal Expense Capital		12,215
Federal Expense Capital Grant		10,908
Federal Expense Non Preventive Maintenance		150,797
Federal Expense Preventive Maintenance		6,405
Furniture and Fixtures less than $5000		18,149
Employee Training		75,521
Membersip Fees, Dues & Subscriptions		3,886
Transit Academy		7,012
Office Expense		11,830
Postage		3,344
Printing		14,479
Board/Committee Expense		10,161
Marketing, Advertising & Promotion		57,268
Insurance - Vehicle		77,455
Insurance - Property		10,795
Insurance - Tort Liability		12,010
Insurance Officers & Directors		4,381

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

SCHEDULE OF OPERATING AND NONOPERATING REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

		2018
EXPENSES (CONTINUED)		
Professional Services		480,577
Engineering & Design		6,009
Fare Collection Services		60,053
Tickets		34,388
Other Facility Services		29,100
Natural Gas		9,130
Electricity		122,306
Water & Sewer		15,176
Telecommunications		90,467
Other Miscellaneous Expense		14,682
Bank Service Fees		19,697
Payroll Processing Fees		1,919
Leasing		9,085
Depreciation Expense		2,620,822
Total Operating Expenses	$	21,216,317
Net Operating Income (Loss)	$	(18,902,709)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Local Revenue Lexington County	$	180,858
Local Revenue Columbia (In Kind)		60,000
State Revenue SMTF		527,836
Rural Transportation Grants		178,798
Federal Grants and Contracts		174,591
SC OPEB Nonemployer Contribution		18
Richland County 1% Sales Tax		18,019,620
Interest Income (Loss)		43,327
Gain on Disposal of Capital Assets		63,211
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	$	19,248,259
Income (Loss) Before Other Revenues, Expenses, Gains or Losses	$	345,550
Federal Capital Grants	$	7,634,541
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	$	7,980,091
Net Position - Beginning of Year (As Restated - Note 12)	$	45,893,963
Net Position - End of Year	$	53,874,054

CENTRAL MIDLANS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
BUDGET (NON-GAAP BASIS) TO ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET POSITIVE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL	ACTUAL	(NEGATIVE)
REVENUES				
Passenger Fares	$ 2,278,773	$ 2,278,773	$ 2,169,462	$ (109,311)
Advertising Revenue	10,000	10,000	44,196	34,196
In-Kind Revenue	60,000	60,000	60,000	0
Local Revenue - Lexington County	180,000	180,000	180,858	858
Interest Income	30,000	30,000	43,327	13,327
Richland County 1% Sales Tax	18,143,105	18,143,105	18,019,620	(123,485)
State Mass Transit Funds	488,777	488,777	527,836	39,059
Rural Transportation Funds	84,939	84,939	178,798	93,859
Federal Non Preventive Maintenance	2,477,376	2,477,376	6,462,477	3,985,101
Federal Preventive Maintenance	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,320,419	320,419
Federal Grant	24,640	24,640	26,236	1,596
Miscellaneous Income	1,500	1,500	9,877	8,377
Contract Services	0	0	90,073	90,073
Gain on Disposal of Capital Assets	0	0	63,211	63,211
SC OPEB Nonemployer Contribution	0	0	18	18
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 24,779,110	$ 24,779,110	$ 29,196,408	$ 4,417,298
EXPENSES				
Administrative				
Staff Labor and Fringe	$ 969,733	$ 969,733	$ 1,077,952	$ (108,219)
Membership Dues and Subscriptions	30,000	30,000	3,886	26,114
Training and Development	78,000	78,000	75,521	2,479
Office Equipment Lease	11,000	11,000	9,085	1,915
Office Supplies and Other Expense	12,500	12,500	11,830	670
Postage and Shipping	16,400	16,400	17,823	(1,423)
Marketing, Printing and Advertising	60,000	60,000	57,268	2,732
Administrative Miscellaneous	18,500	18,500	14,682	3,818
Tickets, Transfers and Zone Passes	24,830	24,830	34,388	(9,558)
Payroll Processing Fees	2,000	2,000	1,919	81
Contract Labor	0	0	122,617	(122,617)
Transit Academy	6,600	6,600	7,012	(412)
Board Committee Expense	12,000	12,000	10,161	1,839
Total Administrative	$ 1,241,563	$ 1,241,563	$ 1,444,144	$ (202,581)
Operations and Maintenance				
In-Kind Expense on use of Facility	60,000	60,000	60,000	0
Transit Facilities Maintenance and Repair	0	0	140,423	(140,423)
Contractor Fixed Route	12,078,828	12,078,828	11,917,875	160,953
Contractor DART	2,287,248	2,287,248	2,018,732	268,516
Other Facility Service	15,000	15,000	29,100	(14,100)
Software Equipment and Maintenance	0	0	178,050	(178,050)
Vehicle and Propane Fuel	1,665,474	1,665,474	1,560,327	105,147

CENTRAL MIDLANS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
BUDGET (NON-GAAP BASIS) TO ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET POSITIVE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL	ACTUAL	(NEGATIVE)
EXPENSES (continued)				
Operations and Maintenance (continued)				
Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs	0	0	140,314	(140,314)
Total Operations and Maintenance	$ 16,106,550	$ 16,106,550	$ 16,044,821	$ 61,729
Insurance				
Insurance - Vehicle	69,000	69,000	77,455	(8,455)
Insurance - Facility	13,000	13,000	10,795	2,205
Insurance - Tort Liability	12,000	12,000	12,010	(10)
Insurance - Officers, Directors and Employee Bonding	4,500	4,500	4,381	119
Total Insurance	$ 98,500	$ 98,500	$ 104,641	$ (6,141)
Technical Services				
Professional Fees	665,500	665,500	480,577	184,923
Fare Collection	70,000	70,000	60,053	9,947
Engineering and Design	0	0	6,009	(6,009)
Total Technical Services	$ 735,500	$ 735,500	$ 546,639	$ 188,861
Utilities				
Electricity	120,000	120,000	122,306	(2,306)
Water and Sewer	14,500	14,500	15,176	(676)
Telecommunications	81,400	81,400	90,467	(9,067)
Natural Gas	11,000	11,000	9,130	1,870
Total Utilities	$ 226,900	$ 226,900	$ 237,079	$ (10,179)
Depreciation	$ 1,559,400	$ 1,559,400	$ 2,620,822	$ (1,061,422)
Taxes and Fees	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ 19,697	$ 303
Capital Expense				
Capital Expense	0	0	23,123	(23,123)
Federal Expense, Preventive Maintenance	1,250,000	1,250,000	6,405	1,243,595
Federal Expense, Non Preventive Maintenance	3,046,721	3,046,721	150,797	2,895,924
Office Equipment	0	0	18,149	(18,149)
Capital Outlay	0	0	2,365,349	(2,365,349)
Total Capital Expense	$ 4,296,721	$ 4,296,721	$ 2,563,823	$ 1,732,898
TOTAL EXPENSES	$ 24,285,134	$ 24,285,134	$ 23,581,666	$ 703,468
REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	$ 493,976	$ 493,976	$ 5,614,742	$ 5,120,766

RECONCILIATION OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES TO CHANGE IN NET POSITION

Change in Net Position	$ 7,980,091
Capitalized Items	(2,365,349)
Revenues over Expenses	$ 5,614,742

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF BUDGETED TO ACTUAL COSTS - SCDOT GRANTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

OPT Contract #	PT-8M499-65				
Contract Period	July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018				
Actual Cost	**Contract Budget**	**Section 5307**	**SMTF**	**Local**	
Performance Period:	**July 2017 through June 2018**	**July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018**	**July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018**	**July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018**	**Total Program Variance**
SMTF Operations					
Vehicle Fuel	$ 1,055,672	$ -	$ 527,836	$ 527,836	$ -
Total Approved Budget	$ 1,055,672	$ -	$ 527,836	$ 527,836	$ -

Approved Budget	$ 1,055,672
TI Federal Costs	-
TI State Costs	527,836
TI Local Costs	527,836
Budget over Actual	$ -

OPT Contract #	PT-8M411-53				
Contract Period	July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018				
Actual Cost	**Contract Budget**	**FTA Current**	**SCDOT 5311 Current**	**Local Current**	
Performance Period:	**July 2017 through June 2018**	**July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018**	**July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018**	**July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018**	**Total Program Variance**
Project Administration					
Operating (Lower Richland) - Contractor Operations	$ 331,232	$ 119,666	$ 45,950	$ 165,616	$ -
Capital - Preventive Maintenance	38,361	30,689	-	7,672	-
Total Program	$ 369,593	$ 150,355	$ 45,950	$ 173,288	$ -

Approved Budget	$ 369,593
TI Federal Costs	150,355
TI State Costs	45,950
TI Local Costs	173,288
Actual over Budget	$ -

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF BUDGETED TO ACTUAL COSTS - SCDOT GRANTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

OPT Contract #	PT-7M499-53				
Contract Period	July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018				
Actual Cost	**Contract Budget**	**Section 5311**	**SMTF**	**Local**	
Performance Period:	**July 2017 through June 2018**	**July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018**	**July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018**	**July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018**	**Total Program Variance**
SMTF Operations					
Vehicle Fuel	$ 165,458	$ -	$ 82,729	$ 82,729	$ -
Total Approved Budget	$ 165,458	$ -	$ 82,729	$ 82,729	$ -
Approved Budget	$ 165,458				
TI Federal Costs	-				
TI State Costs	82,729				
TI Local Costs	82,729				
Budget over Actual	$ -				

OPT Contract #	PT-7M411-29				
Contract Period	July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018				
Actual Cost	**Contract Budget**	**Section 5311**	**SCDOT 5311 Current**	**Local Current**	
Performance Period:	**July 2017 through June 2018**	**July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018**	**July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018**	**July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018**	**Total Program Variance**
Project Administration					
Operating (Lower Richland) - Contractor Operations	$ 19,934	$ 9,967	$ -	$ 9,967	$ -
Total Program	$ 19,934	$ 9,967	$ -	$ 9,967	$ -
Approved Budget	$ 19,934				
TI Federal Costs	9,967				
TI State Costs	-				
TI Local Costs	9,967				
Actual over Budget	$ -				

STATISTICAL SECTION (UNAUDITED)

Statistical Section

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

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CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATISTICAL SECTION

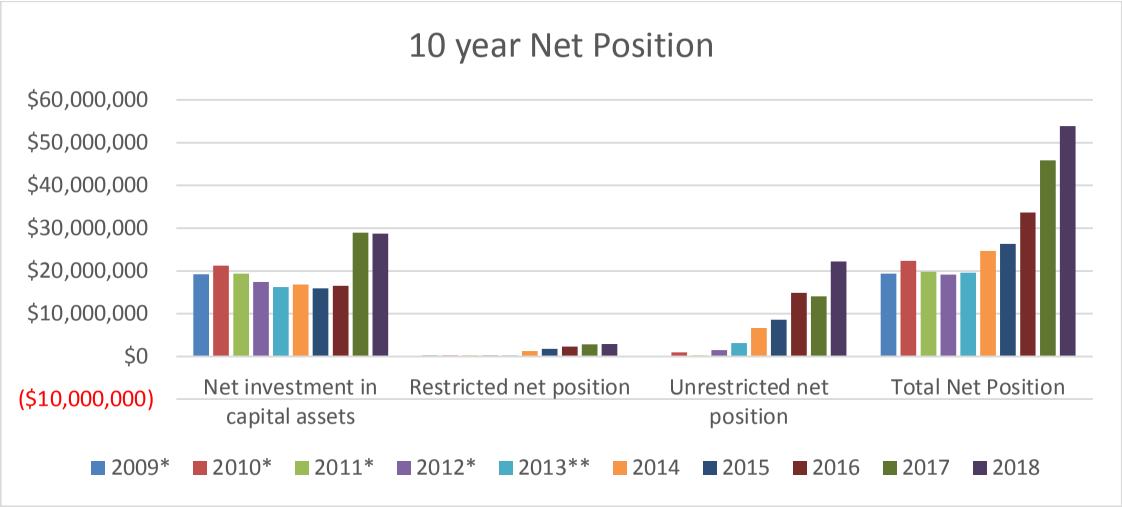
FINANCIAL TRENDS

SCHEDULE OF NET POSITION BY COMPONENT
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year End	2009*	2010*	2011*	2012*	2013**	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Net investment in capital assets	$19,237,265	$21,214,714	$19,392,883	$17,438,159	$16,225,285	$16,800,380	$15,950,016	$16,499,460	$28,992,037	$28,736,564
Restricted net position	224,808	224,808	224,808	224,808	224,808	1,224,808	1,733,185	2,330,382	2,864,791	2,904,401
Unrestricted net position	(62,433)	952,953	188,231	1,494,163	3,159,910	6,634,440	8,587,752	14,851,145	14,039,135	22,233,089
Total Net Position	$19,399,640	$22,392,475	$19,805,922	$19,157,130	$19,610,003	$24,659,628	$26,270,953	$33,680,987	$45,893,963	$53,874,054

*Fiscal year ending Sept 30

**Fiscal year changed to Jun 30 (9 mo. reporting period)

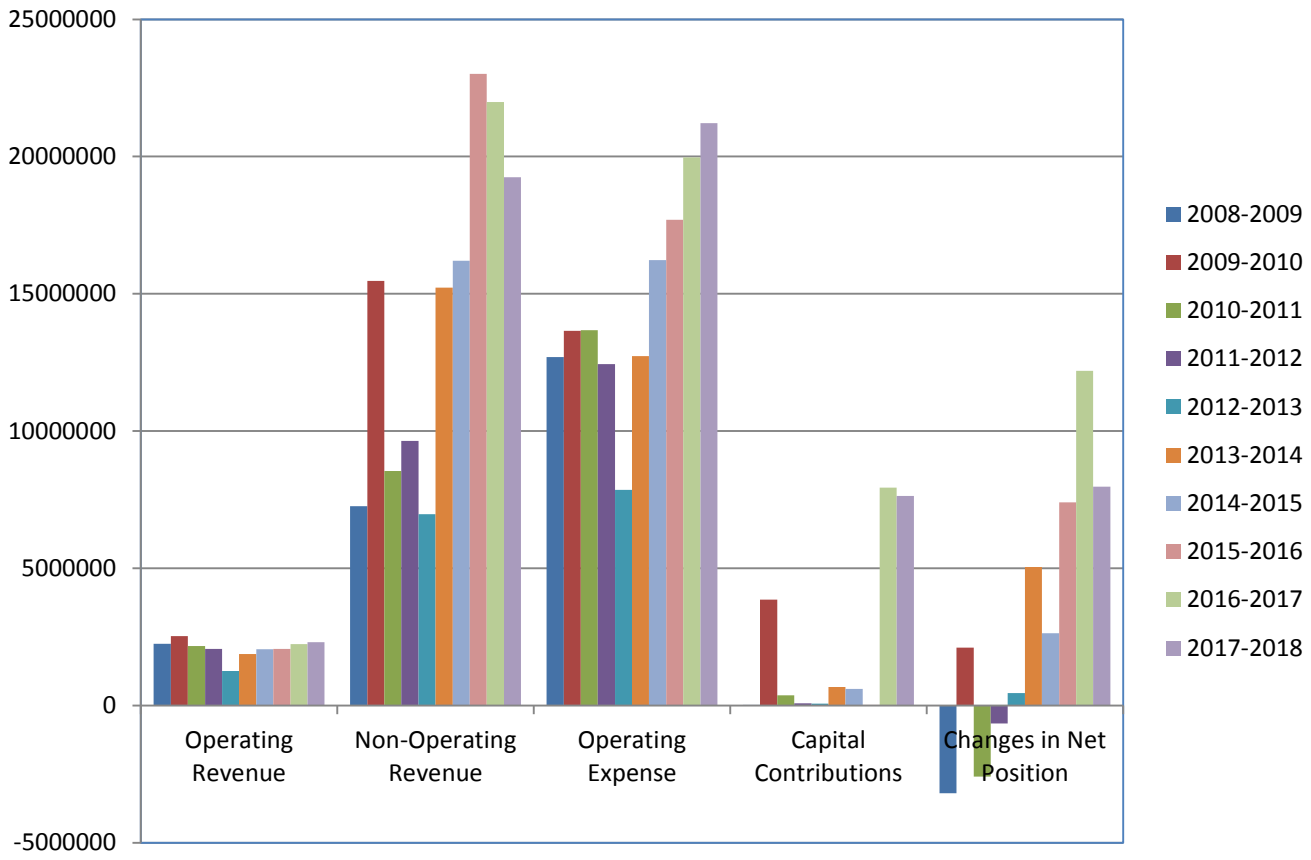


Source: CMRTA's Audited Financial Statements

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year	Operating Revenue	Non-Operating Revenue	Operating Expense	Capital Contributions	Changes in Net Position
2008-2009*	$ 2,247,930	$ 7,264,777	$ 12,701,249	$ 27,685	$ (3,188,542)
2009-2010*	2,098,095	9,807,085	13,655,869	3,884,122	2,133,433
2010-2011*	2,174,645	8,543,290	13,677,440	372,952	(2,586,553)
2011-2012*	2,065,914	9,642,606	12,440,384	83,072	(648,792)
2012-2013**	1,260,341	6,979,109	7,861,298	74,721	452,873
2013-2014	1,875,794	15,224,931	12,732,048	680,948	5,049,625
2014-2015	2,060,156	16,200,928	16,231,667	606,631	2,636,048
2015-2016	2,068,390	23,012,370	17,700,198	29,472	7,410,034
2016-2017	2,240,310	21,985,597	19,970,959	7,945,832	12,200,780
2017-2018	2,313,608	19,248,259	21,216,317	7,634,541	7,980,091

CHANGE IN NET POSITION



Source: Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority Audited Financial Statements

*Fiscal year ending September 30th.

**Fiscal year changed to June 30, 2013 – nine months reported.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
REVENUES
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year									
	2008-2009*	2009-2010*	2010-2011*	2011-2012*	2012-2013**	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Fares[1]	$ 2,081,170	$ 1,947,573	$ 1,987,693	$ 1,827,733	$ 1,169,487	$ 1,858,549	$ 2,051,733	$ 1,994,336	$ 2,080,855	$ 2,169,462
Other Operating Revenue	166,760	150,522	186,952	238,181	90,854	17,245	8,423	74,054	159,455	144,146
Intergovernmental Revenue	7,228,306	9,771,974	8,434,511	9,448,038	4,657,274	172,650	887,101	5,227,178	2,438,480	941,225
Richland County 1% Sales Tax Revenue	0	0	0	0	2,233,691	15,110,853	15,161,645	17,621,058	19,312,215	18,019,620
Lexington County	0	24,000	100,800	112,385	87,649	125,066	142,970	142,017	179,281	180,858
Other Non-operating Revenue	36,471	11,111	7,959	82,183	495	(183,638)	9,212	22,117	55,621	106,556
Total Revenue	$ 9,512,707	$ 11,905,180	$ 10,717,915	$ 11,708,520	$ 8,239,450	$ 17,100,725	$ 18,261,084	$ 25,080,760	$ 24,225,907	$ 21,561,867
Capital Contributions	$ 27,685	$ 3,884,122	$ 372,952	$ 83,072	$ 74,721	$ 680,948	$ 606,631	$ 29,472	$ 7,945,832	$ 7,634,541

Source: Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority Audited Financial Statements

*Fiscal year ending September 30th.

**Fiscal year changed to June 30, 2013 - nine months reported.

[1] Fares are charged in a variety of ways including the following:
$1.50 - standard one way
$0.75 - standard one way for senior citizens and medicare recipients
$3.00 - all day pass
$12.00 - 5 day pass
$14.00 - 7 day pass
$40.00 - 31 day pass
$12.00 - 10 rides pass
Children 10 and under - free with paying adult
Children 15 and under - free with valid COMET identification

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
EXPENSES
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year									
	2008-2009*	2009-2010*	2010-2011*	2011-2012*	2012-2013**	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Operations and Maintenance										
Contractor Services	$ 8,594,001	$ 8,815,162	$ 8,754,686	$ 7,965,160	$ 5,097,941	$ 7,562,622	$ 10,103,967	$ 12,608,631	$ 13,593,636	$ 13,936,607
Fuel	881,751	1,046,651	1,317,518	1,129,779	643,840	1,160,967	1,181,673	989,677	1,252,073	1,560,327
Other Operating and Maintenance [1]	526,642	492,193	506,524	376,108	324,682	779,637	800,419	357,183	1,174,746	746,361
	$ 10,002,394	$ 10,354,006	$ 10,578,728	$ 9,471,047	$ 6,066,463	$ 9,503,226	$ 12,086,059	$ 13,955,491	$ 16,020,455	$ 16,243,295
Administrative										
Staffing and Fringe Benefits	323,443	319,247	338,925	255,782	191,241	882,150	974,446	1,109,939	1,026,612	1,077,952
Custodial and Other Services	146,052	171,938	237,337	95,080	74,263	225,398	718,098	343,257	269,600	181,804
Other Administrative Costs	72,005	221,501	44,226	64,193	49,641	189,282	480,582	151,322	167,842	184,388
Total Administrative	$ 541,500	$ 712,686	$ 620,488	$ 415,055	$ 315,145	$ 1,296,830	$ 2,173,126	$ 1,604,518	$ 1,464,054	$ 1,444,144
Depreciation Expense	$ 1,854,865	$ 1,834,374	$ 2,033,448	$ 2,042,761	$ 1,083,878	$ 1,156,888	$ 1,219,555	$ 1,444,265	$ 1,553,623	$ 2,620,822
Insurance	52,410	91,978	72,242	63,121	44,118	58,855	65,113	64,898	97,429	104,641
Technical Services	87,932	508,058	209,569	283,208	221,565	540,698	472,275	407,022	564,167	546,639
Utilities	159,697	151,691	157,068	156,296	119,179	160,537	194,519	199,489	246,775	237,079
Taxes and Fees	2,451	3,076	5,897	8,896	10,950	15,014	21,020	24,515	24,456	19,697
Total Expenses	$ 12,701,249	$ 13,655,869	$ 13,677,440	$ 12,440,384	$ 7,861,298	$ 12,732,048	$ 16,231,667	$ 17,700,198	$ 19,970,959	$ 21,216,317

Source: Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority Audited Financial Statements

*Fiscal year ending September 30th.

**Fiscal year changed to June 30, 2013 - nine months reported.

[1]Includes non-capitalized capital expense from budgetary schedules.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATISTICAL SECTION

REVENUE CAPACITY

PASSENGER AND FARE DATA LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Fare Revenue	$2,081,170	$1,947,573	$1,987,693	$1,827,733	$1,169,487	$1,858,549	$2,051,733	$1,994,336	$2,080,855	$2,169,462
Passengers	2,098,116	1,959,250	1,853,877	1,625,999	1,322,052	1,585,501	2,059,884	2,419,688	2,509,161	2,667,614
Average fare per passenger	$0.99	$0.99	$1.07	$1.12	$0.88	$1.17	$1.00	$0.82	$0.83	$0.81

[1] *Source: CMRTA Audited Financial Statements. Includes Transit Fares and Special Fares.*

[2] *Sources: National Transit Database Reports*

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATISTICAL SECTION

REVENUE CAPACITY

FARE STRUCTURE AS OF JUNE 30, 2018

Category	Cash Price	All Day Pass	5-Day Pass	7-Day Pass	10-Ride Pass	31-Day Pass
Regular Fare	$1.50	$3.00	$12.00	$14.00	$12.00	$40.00
Half Fare[1]	$1.00	$1.50	$6.00	$7.00	$6.00	$20.00
Express Fare	$2.50	-	-	-	-	Accepted
ADA Mandated Service[2]	$3.00[3]	-	-	-	-	-

[1] *Eligible passengers include veterans, seniors (65+), youth (ages 16 and 17), Medicare card holders, and persons with disabilities.*

[2] *ADA Regulations permit fares for ADA mandated trips to be as high as $3.00.*

[3] *Tokens are available at $3.00 each.*

Children under the age of 16 ride free with a fare-paying passenger

Other Passes	Current Fare
UPass (5 month pass, Fall, Spring and Summer) *Sold to college students with valid school issued ID*	$80.00[4]
Youth (16-18)	$5.00
Youth (under 16)	Free

[4] *Decreases $20.00 each month until the 4th month, then remains at $20.00.*

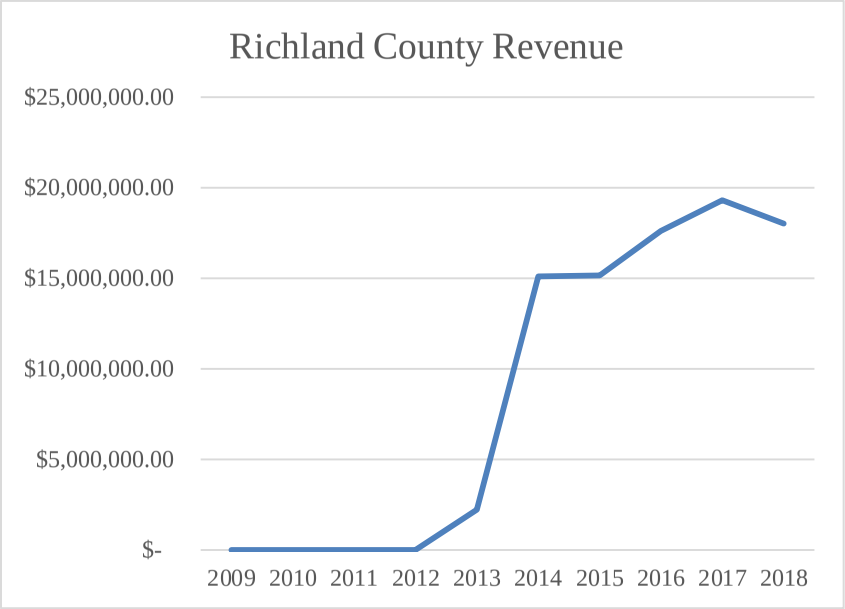
Source: The COMET Website: http://catchthecomet.org/fare-info/

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATISTICAL SECTION

REVENUE CAPACITY

RICHLAND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION REVENUE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Richland County Revenue	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,233,691	$15,110,853	$15,161,645	$17,621,058	$19,312,215	$18,019,620



Penny revenue started on November 1, 2013. Previous revenues were vehicle registration/road tax revenue.

Source: CMRTA Audited Financial Statements

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATISTICAL SECTION

REVENUE CAPACITY

SALES TAX REVENUE GENERATED IN RICHLAND COUNTY
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year End	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total Sales Tax Generated	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$53,126,711	$58,780,486	$61,701,280	$64,538,923	$65,382,803
Direct Tax Rate	7%	7%	7%	7%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%

Source: Richland County Finance Department

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATISTICAL SECTION

REVENUE CAPACITY

LEXINGTON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION REVENUE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year End	2009*	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Lexington County General Fund	$0	$14,925	$62,687	$69,891	$54,508	$77,777	$88,319	$88,319	$111,493	$112,474
West Columbia	$0	$3,403	$14,293	$15,935	$12,428	$17,733	$20,137	$20,137	$25,420	$25,644
Cayce	$0	$3,403	$14,293	$15,935	$12,428	$17,733	$20,137	$20,137	$25,420	$25,644
Springdale	$0	$1,134	$4,764	$5,312	$4,143	$5,911	$6,712	$6,712	$8,473	$8,548
Lexington Medical Center	$0	$1,134	$4,764	$5,312	$4,143	$5,911	$6,712	$6,712	$8,473	$8,548
Total	$0	$24,000	$100,800	$112,385	$87,649	$125,066	$142,970	$142,017	$179,281	$180,858

Source: CMRTA Audited Financial Statements

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATISTICAL SECTION

ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS – RICHLAND COUNTY

Year	Population (a)	Total Personal Income (amounts in thousands) (b)	Per Capita Personal Income (b)	Public School Enrollment (c)	Private School Enrollment (c)	Unemployment Rate (d)
2008	360,159	$ 13,193,568	$ 36,633	47,009	4,668	6.1%
2009	366,432	13,493,400	36,824	47,134	4,407	10.1%
2010	372,023	13,505,246	36,302	49,404	4,107	9.9%
2011	384,504	13,601,563	35,374	48,188	4,107	10.6%
2012	389,116	14,143,021	36,347	49,909	3,986	9.8%
2013	393,830	15,042,310	38,195	50,748	3,864	8.4%
2014	399,256	15,309,987	38,346	51,178	*	6.0%
2015	401,566	15,585,058	38,811	51,842	*	6.6%
2016	407,051	*	*	51,885	*	5.4%
2017	409,549	*	*	51,793	*	4.2%

Notes:

(a) All years based on estimated population by US Census Bureau

(b) South Carolina Office of Research and Statistics

(c) South Carolina Department of Education (2008 and 2012 calculated using 2 year estimate)

(d) South Carolina Employment Security Commission

* Information not available at this time

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATISTICAL SECTION

ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS – LEXINGTON COUNTY

Fiscal Year	Estimated Population (1)	Total Personal Income (2)	Per Capita Personal Income	School Enrollment (3)	Unemployment Rate (4)
2008	252,747	9,075,544,000	35,908	50,988	4.9%
2009	258,983	8,959,178,000	34,594	51,370	8.0%
2010	263,369	9,064,438,000	34,417	51,832	8.2%
2011	266,417	9,571,120,000	35,925	52,063	8.0%
2012	269,949	10,090,035,000	37,378	52,256	7.0%
2013	273,373	10,384,594,000	37,987	52,714	5.8%
2014	277,439	11,036,037,000	39,778	53,315	5.1%
2015	281,555	11,770,438,000	41,805	54,053	5.4%
2016	286,196	*	*	54,712	4.5%
2017	290,311	*	*	55,551	3.6%

Sources:

(1) 2008-2016 - US Census Bureau - Population Estimates
2017 - Estimate based on average growth over last 5 years.
(2) US Department of Commerce - Bureau of Economic Analysis
(3) 2008 -2017 - S.C. Department of Education (Based on 135-Day Enrollment of 180 Day Period)
(4) SC Works Online Services

** Information not available at this time*

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATISTICAL SECTION

ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS
CURRENT YEAR AND PREVIOUS YEAR – RICHLAND COUNTY

	FISCAL YEAR 2017			FISCAL YEAR 2018		
Employer	**Employees (a)/(b)**	**Rank**	**Percentage of Total County Employment (b)**	**Employees (c)**	**Rank**	**Percentage of Total County Employment (b)**
Palmetto Health Alliance	12,000-13,000	1	6.43%	9,000-10,000	1	5.31%
Blue Cross Blue Shield	10,000-11,000	2	5.40%	6,000-7,000	2	3.63%
University of South Carolina	8,000-9,000	3	4.37%	4,000-5,000	3	2.51%
Richland County School District 1	4,000-5,000	4	2.17%	4,000-5,000	4	2.51%
Richland County School District 2	3,000-4,000	5	1.85%	3,000-4,000	6	1.96%
Allied Universal Security	3,000-4,000	6	1.70%	*		
City of Columbia	2,000-3,000	7	1.30%	*		
AT&T (BellSouth)	2,000-3,000	8	1.23%	2,000-3,000	7	1.40%
SC Department of Corrections	2,000-3,000	9	1.19%	*		
SC Department of Mental Health	2,000-3,000	10	1.10%	*		
Department of Defense	-			3,000-4,000	5	1.96%
SCANA	-			2,000-3,000	8	1.40%
Humana/TriCare	-			2,000-3,000	9	1.40%
Richland County	-			1,000-2,000	10	0.84%
Totals	**48,000-58,000**		**26.74%**	**36,000-46,000**		**22.92%**

Sources:

(a) Central South Carolina Alliance

(b) South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce

(c) Central Midlands Council of Governments, Central SC Alliance, The State Newspaper & Richland County Finance

Note:

Percentage of total County employment is based on the midpoints in the ranges given.

* *Information not available at this time.*

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATISTICAL SECTION

ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS
CURRENT YEAR AND PREVIOUS YEAR – LEXINGTON COUNTY

	Fiscal Year 2017			Fiscal Year 2018		
Employer	**Employees***	**Rank**	**Percentage of Total County Employment**	**Employees***	**Rank**	**Percentage of Total County Employment**
Lexington Medical Center	6,450	1	4.37%	4,794	1	3.61%
Lexington School District 1	3,747	2	2.54%	2,963	2	2.23%
State Government	2,754	3	1.87%	1,390	7	1.05%
Amazon	2,500	4	1.69%			
Michelin Tire	2,385	5	1.62%	1,650	6	1.24%
Lexington School District 5	2,354	6	1.59%	2,400	3	1.81%
Walmart	2,013	7	1.36%	2,350	4	1.77%
SCANA	1,948	8	1.32%			
County of Lexington	1,631	9	1.10%	1,376	8	1.03%
Time Warner/Charter Communications	1,227	10	0.83%			
Lexington School District 2				1,350	9	1.02%
UPS				2,310	5	1.74%
Southeastern Freight Lines				800	10	0.60%
			18.29%			16.10%

Source: SC Department of Employment & Workforce, Central SC Alliance, and Company Representatives.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATISTICAL SECTION

OPERATING INFORMATION

AUTHORITY PROFILE
AS OF JUNE 30, 2018

Date the Authority was formed	May 2000
Form of Governance	Board of Directors, with General Manager
Total Employees	13
Service Area	Richland and Lexington Counties
Area of Authority (in square miles)	380
Population of service area	549,777
Local Financial Support	Richland County Penny and Lexington County General Fund
Number of Fixed Route Bus Routes	39
Revenue Service Hours	217,745
Average Passenger Trips per Revenue Hour	14.04
Number of Vehicles in Service	81
Bus Stops	1,430
Bus Shelters	55

Source: National Transit Database

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATISTICAL SECTION

OPERATING INFORMATION

SUMMARY OF CONTRACTS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2018

Contract Type	Contractor	Services Provided	Contract Term
RFP	ABLE SC	Paratransit Certification	3 years
RFP	Brownstone	A&E Services - Water, etc.	1 year with 1-year ext.
Unknown	Dunbar	Armored Truck	infinite
IFB	Industrial Signs & Graphics	Bus Stop Signs	5 years
Sole Source	Sharp Business Solutions	Copier	5 years
RFP	AmeriGas	Propane Fuel	5 years
RFP	Sightline	Paint & Wrap Vehicles	1 year with 2 one-year ext.
RFP	New Flyer of America	Bus Purchase	5 years
Quotations	Harper, Poston & Moree, CPA, PA	Audit	3 years
IFB	Gills Trucking	Decal Removal for Surplus	until finished or 1 year whichever was less
RFP	Chernoff Newman	Marketing	2 years with three 1-year ext.
RFP	McNair Law Firm	Legal services	3 years
	Graham Law Group	Penny lawsuit	
IFB	AOS	Water Infiltration Fix	45 days
RFP	BRASCO	Bus Shelters	5 years
IFB	IT1 Solutions	IT Support	1 year with 2 one-year ext.
RFP	Transdev	Operations	5 years
RFP	AOS	Shelter/Bus Sign Install	1 year with 2 one-year ext.
Sole Source	Clever Devices	AVL System	
RFP	TransLoc	ITS	4 years with annual renewals
Sole Source	Palmetto Payroll Solutions	Payroll	
	PassPort Parking	Electronic Pass Sales	Month to Month
RFP	Sightline	Transit Advertising on Buses	
RFP	Creative Outdoor Advertising	Bus and Shelter Advertising	10 years with 5 one year ext.

Contract Source: Grants and Procurement Department

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATISTICAL SECTION

OPERATING INFORMATION

FLEET INVENTORY
AS OF JUNE 30, 2018

Quantity	Year	Vehicle Type	Service
1	2002	35 foot Blue Bird Bird	Contingency
1	2018	Chevy Malibu	Non-Revenue
1	2006	Ford F-450	Non-Revenue
1	2014	Chevrolet 2500	Non-Revenue
8	2010	35 Foot New Flyer XXXX	Fixed Route
11	2014	25 Foot Starcraft Allstar	Fixed Route
8	2017	25 Foot Starcraft Allstar	Fixed Route
2	2015	Dodge Eldorado Minivan	DART
21	2016	25 Foot Starcraft Allstar	DART
23	2017	35 Foot New Flyer XXXX	Fixed Route
8	2017	40 Foot New Flyer XXXX	Fixed Route
85	**TOTAL**		

Source: Planning and Development Department

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATISTICAL SECTION

OPERATING INFORMATION

SUMMARY OF CAPITAL ASSETS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year End	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Number of buses owned										
Fixed Route	35	39	39	39	39	39	39	48	58	58
DART	21	21	21	21	21	21	23	23	23	23
Cost of assets: Work in progress	-	180,099	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buildings	13,250,779	13,250,779	13,250,779	13,250,779	13,250,779	13,250,779	13,994,268	13,994,268	13,994,268	13,994,268
DART Vehicles	9,839,642	9,839,642	13,243,773	13,243,773	11,088,341	11,088,341	11,497,221	11,497,221	25,149,926	1,865,680
Fixed Route Buses	839,778	1,029,777	1,029,777	1,029,777	1,029,777	1,029,777	974,577	2,776,924	2,776,924	19,160,065
Trolleys	810,000	810,000	810,000	810,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vehicles (Automobiles)	75,179	75,179	75,179	75,179	75,179	75,179	111,115	111,115	111,115	119,623
Machinery and Equipment	2,307,247	2,320,226	2,728,883	2,813,083	2,874,310	2,874,310	2,932,918	3,124,280	3,266,418	5,366,965
Furniture and Fixtures	52,942	52,942	52,942	52,942	68,639	68,639	222,903	222,903	222,903	222,903
Total cost	$27,175,567	$27,378,545	$31,191,333	$31,275,533	$28,387,025	$28,387,025	$29,733,002	$31,726,711	$45,521,554	$40,729,504
Less: accumulated depreciation	9,668,672	11,503,045	13,536,493	15,579,254	13,904,262	13,904,262	15,525,508	16,969,773	18,284,068	13,735,462
Net capital assets	$17,506,895	$15,875,500	$17,654,840	$15,696,279	$14,482,763	$14,482,763	$14,207,494	$14,756,938	$27,237,486	$26,994,042

Source: CMRTA Audited Financial Statements

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATISTICAL SECTION

OPERATING INFORMATION

VEHICLE OPERATING STATISTICS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

MOTORBUS	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Vehicles Operated in Annual Maximum Service (VOMS)	38	36	28	28	28	28	36	38	38	45
Vehicles Available for Annual Maximum Service (VAMS)	41	42	41	41	41	41	50	50	50	50
Total Actual Vehicle Revenue Miles (VRM)	1,565,737	1,470,225	1,412,624	1,148,398	773,201	1,092,267	1,596,625	2,233,328	2,333,427	2,604,374
Total Actual Vehicle Revenue Hours (VRH)	105,507	117,070	110,878	95,280	66,679	89,664	138,974	171,568	174,169	184,691
Unlinked Passenger Trips (UPT)	2,019,912	1,885,962	1,781,758	1,568,790	1,262,053	1,535,163	2,059,884	2,356,278	2,432,463	2,575,627
Passenger Miles Traveled (PMT)	10,587,257	9,467,534	8,751,977	5,000,187	4,126,078	4,399,361	4,751,310	6,101,022	6,221,042	6,364,042
Days Operated	358	362	362	341	303	314	362	364	363	363

DEMAND RESPONSE	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Vehicles Operated in Annual Maximum Service (VOMS)	21	19	13	13	13	13	13	16	16	19
Vehicles Available for Annual Maximum Service (VAMS)	25	21	21	21	21	21	21	23	23	23
Total Actual Vehicle Revenue Miles (VRM)	653,517	578,140	538,656	533,549	489,150	489,873	587,769	666,982	678,205	636,538
Total Actual Vehicle Revenue Hours (VRH)	37,660	33,412	32,200	25,408	26,965	28,105	34,257	38,568	39,283	33,054
Unlinked Passenger Trips (UPT)	78,204	73,288	72,119	57,209	59,999	50,338	57,418	63,410	63,999	72,815
ADA Unlinked Passenger Trips (UPT)	78,204	73,288	72,119	57,209	59,999	50,338	57,418	63,410	63,999	72,815
Passenger Miles Traveled (PMT)	834,850	777,586	746,483	580,977	667,689	661,754	726,929	806,891	827,063	843,604
Days Operated	358	362	362	341	303	314	362	364	363	363

Source: National Transit Database Reports

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATISTICAL SECTION

OPERATING INFORMATION

NON-OPERATING INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE AND CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY SOURCE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year End	2009 [1]	2010 [1]	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Federal revenue										
Federal Transit Administration	630,813	6,107,720	2,574,981	2,092,748	188,658	2,921,534	1,433,732	3,740,502	9,617,098	7,819,099
Total Federal Revenue	630,813	6,107,720	2,574,981	2,092,748	188,658	2,921,534	1,433,732	3,740,502	9,617,098	7,819,099
State revenue										
State Mass Transit Fund	-	-	383,326	535,390	382,322	776,747	-	1,197,252	515,897	527,836
Rural Transportation Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	258,896	191,317	168,831
Total State Revenue	-	-	383,326	535,390	382,322	776,747	-	1,456,148	707,214	696,667
Local revenue										
Operating Grants - Local Assistance [1]	6,625,178	7,548,376	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Richland County	-	-	2,839,156	2,444,992	1,252,493	-	-	-	-	-
Richland County Penny Tax	-	-	-	-	2,233,691	15,110,853	15,161,645	17,621,058	19,312,215	18,019,620
Lexington County	-	24,000	100,800	112,385	87,649	125,066	142,970	142,017	179,281	180,858
Interest	13,326	6,514	1,277	1,588	495	667	9,212	22,117	55,621	43,327
City of Columbia	-	-	3,010,000	4,457,980	2,908,522	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Miscellaneous	(4,540)	4,597	6,702	80,595	-	(3,088,988)	-	-	-	63,229
Total Local Revenue	6,633,964	7,583,487	5,957,935	7,097,540	6,482,850	12,207,598	15,373,827	17,845,192	19,607,117	18,367,034
Total Intergovernmental Revenue	7,264,777	13,691,207	8,916,242	9,725,678	7,053,830	15,905,879	16,807,559	23,041,842	29,931,429	26,882,800

[1] Detailed revenue by agency was not presented in the Authority's audited financial statements for these years.

Source: CMRTA Audited Financial Statements

SINGLE AUDIT SECTION

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

To the Board of Directors
Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority
Columbia, South Carolina

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 Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018 and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority's' basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 24, 2019. As described in Note 7 to the financial statements, the Authority adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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Our consideration of the 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 that might be material weaknesses, or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weakness may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority'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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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Directors
Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority
Columbia, South Carolina

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2018. The Authority's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority's major programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.*S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2018.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Authority's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine our auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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

Harper, Poston & Moree, P.A.

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Georgetown, South Carolina
January 24, 2019

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

SUMMARY OF THE AUDITOR'S RESULTS

1. The independent auditor's report on the financial statements expresses an unmodified opinion.

2. No significant deficiencies were disclosed during the audit of the basic financial statements as reported in the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

3. The audit disclosed no instances of non-compliance in relation to the financial statements.

4. No significant deficiencies were disclosed during the audit of the major federal award programs as reported in the Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to each Major Program and Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

5. The report on compliance for major programs expressed an unmodified opinion.

6. The audit disclosed no audit findings that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

7. The major programs of Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority included in the audit were:

Programs	CFDA #
Federal Transit Cluster – Urbanized Area Grant	20.507

8. The dollar threshold for Type A programs for Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority was $750,000.

9. Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority qualifies as a low-risk auditee.

FINDINGS IN RELATION TO THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. No matters were reported.

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

1. No matters were reported.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Project Number	Federal CFDA Number	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Transportation			
Direct Programs			
Federal Transit Administration			
Federal Transit Cluster:			
Urbanized Area Grant	SC-2018-11-10	20.507	$ 114,449
Urbanized Area Grant	SC-2017-018-09	20.507	425,655
Urbanized Area Grant	SC-2017-014-09	20.507	3,992,562
Urbanized Area Grant	SC-2016-014-00	20.507	117,410
Urbanized Area Grant	SC-90-X278-00	20.507	58,015
Urbanized Area Grant	SC-90-X210-00	20.507	127,987
Formula Grant	SC-90-X247-00	20.507	149,124
Formula Grant	SC-2018-008-00	20.507	2,576,681
Oper/Maint/Admin Facility Construction	SC-90-X291-00	20.507	70,658
Total - Federal Transit Cluster			$ 7,632,541
Rural Area Program			
Pass Through State Dept. of Transportation: OPT			
Section 5311	PT-84M411-53	20.509	$ 150,355
Section 5311	PT-74M411-29	20.509	9,967
Total Rural Area Program			$ 160,322
Transit Services Program Cluster			
Pass Through Central Midlands Council of Governments			
2010 Travel Trainer	SC-57-X015-00	20.516	$ 26,236
Total Transit Services Program Cluster			$ 26,236
Total U.S. Department of Transportation Grant Programs			$ 7,819,099
Total Federal Programs			$ 7,819,099

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority and is presented on the accrual basis, the same basis of accounting used to prepare the basic financial statements as described in Note 1 of the financial statements.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards has been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and includes the federal grant activity of Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority. The information in this schedule is presented in conformity with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200 *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority, it is not intended to and does not present financial position or changes in net position or cash flows of Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority.

2. FEDERAL NON-CASH ASSISTANCE

Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority did not receive or expend federal awards in the form of non-cash assistance and had no federal loan guarantees at June 30, 2018.

3. DETERMINATION OF MAJOR PROGRAMS

Major federal programs were determined in accordance with the Uniform Guidance. For the year ended June 30, 2018, the following program was determined to be a major program in accordance with the Uniform Guidance: Federal Transit Cluster.

4. RECONCILIATION OF CURRENT FUND REVENUES TO SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Total per Expenditures of Federal Awards	$ 7,819,099
Total Federal Revenue	
Federal Non Operating Grant	$ 174,591
Capital Grants	7,634,541
Rural Transportation Grant – Federal Funds	9,967
	$ 7,819,099

5. TYPE A PROGRAM DOLLAR THRESHOLD

The dollar threshold for Type A programs was $750,000.

6. INDIRECT COST

Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority has not elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate.

7. PASS THROUGH GRANTS

Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority did not provide any federal awards to sub recipients for the year ended June 30, 2018.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

Prior Year Findings – Financial Statement Audit

No matters were reported.

Prior Year Findings – Major Federal Award Programs

No matters were reported.

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