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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

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March 10, 2021

To the Commissioners Washington Metrorail Safety Commission:

The Washington Metrorail Safety Commission (the "WMSC") Compact (§ 39) requires the WMSC to publish a complete set of financial statements presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). These financial statements must also be audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. This is the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the WMSC since inception, June 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020. All disclosures necessary for the reader to gain an understanding of the WMSC's financial condition have been included.

Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data, and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rest with management. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the enclosed data is complete and reliable in all material respects and is reported in a manner that presents fairly the financial position and results of WMSC operations. WMSC management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, WMSC management has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed to both protect the assets of the WMSC from loss, theft or misuse, and to compile sufficient reliable data for the preparation of the WMSC's financial statements in conformity with GAAP. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh the benefits, the WMSC's comprehensive internal control framework has been designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement.

The WMSC's financial statements have been audited by Cherry Bekaert LLP, a firm of licensed certified public accountants. As required by the WMSC Compact, Cherry Bekaert LLP was selected by the WMSC Board, and Cherry Bekaert LLP has no direct or indirect personal interest in the financial affairs of the WMSC or any of its officers or employees.

The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the WMSC since inception, June 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020, are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion that the WMSC's financial statements since inception, June 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020, are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The report of independent auditor is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

GAAP requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The WMSC's MD&A is in the financial section of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, immediately following the report of the independent auditor.

The WMSC and its Purpose

The WMSC is the independent entity with oversight and enforcement authority to ensure continual safety improvement of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's ("WMATA") Rail System ("Metrorail").

The WMSC is also responsible for Metrorail safety event investigations. Six commissioners and three alternates serve on the WMSC Board. The District of Columbia, State of Maryland, and Commonwealth of Virginia each appoint two commissioners and one alternate. Each member must have expertise in transportation safety or related fields.

Among other responsibilities, the WMSC Board reviews Metrorail's safety plans, adopts investigation reports, considers WMATA's progress on Corrective Action Plans, and sets the Program Standard outlining how WMSC staff conduct their safety oversight work.

The WMSC's daily operations are led by its Chief Executive Officer who oversees a highly trained staff that regularly conducts inspections, audits, reviews, and other oversight work.

Part of that work includes monitoring and reviewing WMATA's efforts to correct safety issues identified in investigations, audits or other reviews.

WMSC staff include experts that correspond to WMATA's main disciplines including operations, traction power, train control and signals, track and structures, and fire/life safety. As the only standalone State Safety Oversight Agency in the nation, the WMSC also handles all aspects of its own operations with funding from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, and when available, federal grant funds.

One substantial difference between the WMSC and WMATA's oversight under the earlier Tri-State Oversight Committee is the WMSC's significant enforcement authority. Among other powers, the WMSC can, if necessary, require WMATA to restrict, partially suspend, or even completely shut down Metrorail service. Another difference is transparency: the WMSC holds regular public meetings and posts safety event investigation and audit reports on its public website.

In 2015, the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") assumed direct safety oversight of Metrorail, pending the creation and certification of the WMSC. The three jurisdictions, with the approval of the Congress and the President, created the WMSC through an interstate compact that was signed into federal law in August 2017. In March 2019, after substantial additional efforts to actually stand up the WMSC, the FTA certified the WMSC's safety oversight program and transferred direct safety oversight of Metrorail to the WMSC. The certification met a nationwide federal deadline for jurisdictions with rail transit systems to establish FTA-certified State Safety Oversight Agencies.

Although the WMSC plays a crucial role in the safety of Metrorail, the WMSC does not operate Metrorail; that responsibility is held by WMATA.

Focus and Accomplishments of the WMSC

The WMSC is off to a productive start that has included taking over direct safety oversight of Metrorail, expanding the WMSC's expertise, conducting its first safety audits, and issuing its first findings and directives to Metrorail based on the WMSC's detailed oversight work that also includes inspections and safety event investigations. These are milestones that we will build upon for years to come as the WMSC continues to work with Metrorail to improve safety for riders, workers and the region.

Under WMSC oversight, WMATA is required to continually improve safety. Metrorail is making some significant progress, but there is much more work to be done.

During this first fiscal year, the WMSC completed 69 inspection reports and adopted 33 detailed final investigation reports. The WMSC also published 2 audit reports and began work on several other audits that will be published during FY 2021. All of this is achieved with a staff of fewer than 20 people and an annual budget that is a fraction of WMATA's budget. Some of the most notable events and WMSC work of fiscal year 2020 include extensive work on the Track Maintenance, Roadway Worker Protection, and Rail Operations Control Center (published in FY 2021) audits, detailed investigations of safety events including the October 7, 2019 collision of two non-revenue trains near Farragut West Station and a December 10, 2019 Red Line smoke event, Corrective Action Plan review, approval and oversight, reviews and feedback on WMATA's first Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan, and many risk-based inspections throughout the system.

As context for the scale of the WMSC's oversight: In 2019, WMATA Metrorail reported 719 safety events. Metrorail is the second largest heavy rail transit system in the United States. Metrorail has 91 stations; 118 miles of track; 6 rail lines; more than 1,000 railcars; and had a 2019 average rail ridership of 643,522 per weekday in Metrorail's benchmark month of May. During its 2019 fiscal year, Metrorail provided 175.2 million passenger trips. Every one of Metrorail's thousands of passengers and employees has the expectation of safety. More than half of Metrorail stations serve federal facilities in the National Capital Region, making safe Metrorail service critical to America's national security.

The WMSC also turned the challenge of a global public health emergency into an opportunity to continually improve collaboration and to increase the analysis of available data and recordings while also adding capabilities by hiring and integrating additional talented staff into the team. The WMSC accomplished this while taking all precautions to keep staff, and those with whom WMSC staff interact with, safe.

The expertise and collaboration of WMSC staff, and consultants or contractors when appropriate, is the crucial piece that makes the WMSC's safety oversight effective and efficient.

Public meetings continued in a remote environment via webcast, which allowed for ongoing transparency and input while keeping commissioners, alternates, staff, and the public safe.

WMSC staff also participated in a variety of training classes, including those required to complete or progress toward credentials required by the Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program.

Although other State Safety Oversight Agencies are a part of larger state departments of transportation or utility commissions, the WMSC handles not only safety oversight and enforcement work but also its own finances and other administrative operations. The WMSC oversees safety on the second-busiest rail transit system in the country with the support of direct funding from the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, and related federal grants.

This did not happen without significant help. Members of the D.C. Council, Maryland and Virginia General Assemblies, local and regional bodies, the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate, and officials in numerous agencies have been crucial partners in this effort. Other elected and agency leaders and staff in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, at the U.S. Department of Transportation, the FTA, and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments were also instrumental in standing up the WMSC. Local support, federal grants, and the hard work of WMSC staff, have allowed the WMSC to establish financial independence and have put the WMSC in a good financial position heading into fiscal year 2021.

Economic Condition & Outlook

The WMSC has ample operating and reserve funds on hand, a large obligated federal grant balance, adequate apportionments that provide expectation of future grant awards, and no indication from the District of Columbia, Maryland, or Virginia about any funding concerns. In addition, the WMSC fulfills a statutorily-mandated function and the WMSC Compact provides that the jurisdictions are responsible for our funding. The WMSC continues to right size itself in terms of staffing and operating budget to ensure high quality Metrorail oversight.

Internal Controls and Budgetary Controls

The WMSC Board is comprised of commissioners from each of the three jurisdictions. The board reviews financial statements and the budget regularly, among other aspects of the WMSC's day-to-day operations. Therefore, as appointees of the jurisdictions that fund the WMSC, each serves as an effective check on how the WMSC spends resources.

Financial Management Polices

The WMSC's financial policies serve as guidelines for both the financial planning and internal financial management of the WMSC. These policies represent a combination of required practices under existing internal controls documents, formally adopted by the WMSC Board, and recommended best practices.

Acknowledgements

The preparation of this report could not have been accomplished without the efficient and dedicated services of the entire staff of the WMSC. I would like to recognize Davis Rajtik and Andrea Hogan who worked many hours to ensure the completion of this document while fulfilling their many other program responsibilities over the past few months. I would also like to thank the independent certified public accounting firm of Cherry Bekaert LLP for their input, able assistance, and the professional manner in which they have performed their audit engagement.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Commissioners and staff for their interest and support in planning and conducting the financial operations of the WMSC in a responsible and effective manner.

Respectfully,

Sharmila Samarasinghe Acting Chief Executive Officer

WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

JUNE 30, 2020



WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

JUNE 30, 2020

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FINANCIAL SECTION



Report of Independent Auditor

To the Board of Commissioners Washington Metrorail Safety Commission

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the General Fund of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission (the "WMSC"), as of and for the period since its inception, June 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the WMSC's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the General Fund of the WMSC, as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position thereof since inception, June 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 3 to the financial statements, in 2020, an outbreak of a novel coronavirus emerged globally. As a result of the global pandemic, economic uncertainties have arisen that could negatively impact the WMSC's operations for an indeterminable time period. Other financial impacts could occur that are unknown at this time. 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 and the required supplementary information and notes, as listed in the table of contents, 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 opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the WMSC's basic financial statements. The Introductory and Statistical Sections, 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. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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 March 10, 2021, on our consideration of the WMSC's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the WMSC's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the WMSC's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Tysons Corner, Virginia March 10, 2021

SINCE INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

The following discussion and analysis of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission (the "WMSC") financial performance provides a narrative overview and analysis of the WMSC's financial activities since inception, June 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Please read it in conjunction with the WMSC's letter of transmittal, financial statements, and the accompanying notes.

The WMSC oversees and enforces safety practices of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's ("WMATA") Rail System ("Metrorail"). The WMSC is an independent agency created in 2017 by the U.S. Congress, the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, and the Commonwealth of Virginia. The WMSC officially began performing its oversight function on July 1, 2019 as an independent commission. This is the WMSC's first year of operation, and therefore there is no comparative information included in Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A"). The WMSC is funded by contributions from the participating jurisdictions of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights for Government-wide Financial Statements

- The assets of the WMSC exceeded its liabilities by \$3,477,580 as of June 30, 2020. Of the WMSC's \$3,477,580 million net position, \$727,580 is unrestricted and available for spending at the WMSC's discretion, the remaining \$2,750,000 is restricted as an operating reserve for emergency expenditures.
- Revenues of the WMSC amounted to \$6,744,889 while expenses amount to \$3,267,309 related to the operations of the WMSC.

Highlights for Fund Financial Statements

- The assets of the General Fund exceeded its liabilities by \$3,639,940 as of June 30, 2020. Of the General Fund's \$3,639,940 fund balance, \$858,349 is unassigned and available for spending at the WMSC's discretion, \$2,750,000 is restricted for operating reserves, and \$31,591 is nonspendable.
- Revenues of the WMSC amounted to \$6,744,889 while expenses amount to \$3,104,949 related to the operations of the WMSC.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This Comprehensive Annual Financial Report consists of four sections: the introductory section, the financial section, the statistical section, and the compliance section. The financial section includes the report of the independent auditor, MD&A, the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information other than MD&A. This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the WMSC's basic financial statements comprised of three components: the government-wide financial statements, the fund financial statements, and the notes to the financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the WMSC in a manner similar to a private sector business.

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The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of WMSC's assets and liabilities. The difference between assets and liabilities is reported as net position. Over time, increases and decreases in net position may provide an indication of whether the WMSC's financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information reflecting how the WMSC's net position has changed during the fiscal year just ended. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related resource flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in resource flows in future fiscal periods.

The governmental activities of the WMSC include Metrorail safety.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 15-16 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The WMSC uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The WMSC only has one governmental fund.

Governmental funds are used to report those same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide statements, the fund financial statements are prepared on the modified accrual basis. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available, and expenditures are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred, with the exception of long-term debt and similar long-term items which are recorded when due. Therefore, the focus of the governmental fund financial statements is on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. As such, the government fund financial statements may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Since the focus of the governmental funds is on near-term resources, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. This comparison may provide readers with a better understanding of the long-term impact of the WMSC's near-term financing decisions. To facilitate this comparison, reconciliations are provided for both the Balance Sheet – General Fund and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of the General Fund. Information is presented separately in the Balance Sheet – General Fund and in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for the General Fund.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 17-20 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The Notes to the Financial Statements are considered an integral part of the basic financial statements since they provide additional information needed to gain a full understanding of the data provided in both the government-wide and fund financial statements. The Notes to the Financial Statements can be found on pages 21-25 of this report.

SINCE INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Required Supplementary Information other than MD&A

In addition to the basic financial statements, which include the accompanying notes, this report also presents required supplementary information other than MD&A ("RSI").

The WMSC adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general funds. A budgetary comparison statement for the general fund has been provided to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The RSI can be found on page 27 of this report.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the close of 2020, the WMSC's assets exceeded liabilities by \$3,477,580, a change in net position of \$3,477,580. The following summaries of net position and changes in net position are presented for the current year and will include comparative totals in future fiscal years.

Summary of Net Position

The following table reflects the condensed statement of net position as of June 30, 2020:

	2020
ASSETS	
Current and other assets	\$ 4,518,881
Non-current assets	14,400
Total Assets	4,533,281
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities	1,019,354
Long-term liabilities	36,347
Total Liabilities	1,055,701
NET POSITION	
Restricted	2,750,000
Unrestricted	727,580
Total Net Position	\$ 3,477,580

For more detailed information see the Statement of Net Position on page 15 of this report.

The WMSC's overall total net position was \$3,477,580.

- Current and other assets of \$4,518,881mostly consist of cash and cash equivalents the WMSC had on hand as of June 30, 2020.
- Current liabilities of \$1,019,354 mostly consist of unearned revenue related to payments received from the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia during the fiscal year related to the subsequent fiscal year, accounts payable, and accrued expenses and accrued salaries and benefits.
- Long-term liabilities of \$36,347 consist of compensated absences related to accrued vacation and sick leave for the WMSCs employees.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

SINCE INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Summary of Changes in Net Position

The following table reflects the condensed changes in net position:

	2020
Revenues:	
Program revenues:	
Operating grants and contributions	\$ 6,744,889
Total Revenues	6,744,889
Expenses:	
Metrorail safety	 3,267,309
Total Expenses	 3,267,309
Net Change in Net Position Net Position, Beginning	3,477,580
Net Position, Ending	\$ 3,477,580

For more detailed information see the Statement of Net Position on page 15 of this report.

The revenue for the WMSC is related to contributions from the participating jurisdictions of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. The WMSC receives all of its funding from operating grants and contributions.

The WMSC's expenses are related to operational expenses to execute the WMSC's purpose of Metrorail safety including staff compensation, office rent, contractor services, insurance and miscellaneous expenses.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND

As noted previously, the WMSC uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements.

The focus of the WMSC's governmental fund is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the WMSC's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The WMSC has one fund which is the General Fund. The General Fund's fund balance was \$3,639,940 as of June 30, 2020. Of the General Fund's \$3,639,940 fund balance, \$858,349 is unassigned and available for spending at the WMSC's discretion, \$2,750,000 is restricted for operating reserves, and \$31,591 is nonspendable. General Fund revenues amounted to \$6,744,889 primarily related to contributions from the three participating jurisdictions and expenses in the amount to \$3,104,949 related to operational expenses to execute the WMSC's purpose of Metrorail safety including staff compensation, office rent, contractor services, insurance and miscellaneous expenses.

SINCE INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

GENERAL FUND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

WMSC exceeded its budgeted revenue by \$1,244,889 primarily due to the jurisdictions being required to fund an operating reserve in the amount of \$2,750,000. WMSC was below budget expenditures by \$2,395,051 as this was their first year in operation.

The original and final budgeted amounts are shown in the Budgetary Comparison Schedule in the RSI on page 27.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND TRENDS

Section 40 of the WMSC Compact provides that "The WMSC's operations shall be funded, independently of WMATA, by the Signatory jurisdictions and, when available, by federal funds." Although jurisdictional and federal budgets may fluctuate, the WMSC anticipates that sufficient funds will be available in future years to fund WMSC operations. In fact, an underfunding of the WMSC could trigger the FTA to decertify the WMSC's oversight program, which would result in the FTA withholding transit funds from the three jurisdictions, as occurred in 2017. Such a reoccurrence is unlikely. Additionally, the WMSC has approximately six months of operating expenses held in an operating reserve.

During the third quarter of WMSC FY 2020, like many organizations, the WMSC abruptly transitioned to remote work due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The WMSC began holding its public meetings via webcast and began conducting most of its other business (including daily team meetings) via videoconference. At the end of WMSC FY 2020, the WMSC was still in a remote work posture and was successfully retooling its safety oversight activities with the expectation of a prolonged period of remote work.

CONTACTING THE WMSC'S MANAGEMENT

This Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is designed to provide a general overview of the WMSC's finances and to display the WMSC's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions or need other information regarding the WMSC, please contact <u>correspondence@wmsc.gov</u>.

WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2020

ASSETS Current Assets: Cash and cash equivalents Prepaid expenses Total Current Assets	\$	4,501,690 <u>17,191</u> 4,518,881
Non-Current Assets:		, ,
Other assets		14,400
Total Non-Current Assets		14,400
Total Assets	\$	4,533,281
LIABILITIES Current Liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	92,663
Accounts payable and accided expenses Accrued salaries and benefits	φ	92,003 20,064
Unearned revenue		780,614
Compensated absences		126,013
Total Current Liabilities		1,019,354
Non-Current Liabilities: Compensated absences	_	36,347
Total Non-Current Liabilities		36,347
Total Liabilities	\$	1,055,701
NET POSITION Restricted Unrestricted	\$	2,750,000 727,580
Total Net Position	\$	3,477,580

WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

SINCE INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Function/Program	Expenses		Program Revenues Operating Grants and Contributions		Ch	Revenue and ange in Net Position vernmental Activities
Governmental Activities: Metrorail safety	\$	3,267,309	\$	6,744,889	\$	3,477,580
Total Governmental Activities	\$	3,267,309	\$	6,744,889	\$	3,477,580
			•	in Net Position tion, Beginning	\$	3,477,580

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the financial statements.

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Net Position, Ending

BALANCE SHEET – GENERAL FUND

JUNE 30, 2020

ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Prepaid expenditures	\$	4,501,690 17,191
Other assets		14,400
Total Assets	\$	4,533,281
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	92,663
Accrued salaries and benefits		20,064
Unearned revenue		780,614
Total Liabilities		893,341
FUND BALANCES		
Nonspendable		31,591
Restricted		2,750,000
Unassigned	1	858,349
Total Fund Balances		3,639,940
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	4,533,281

RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2020

Total fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 3,639,940
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds.	
Compensated absences	 (162,360)
Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 3,477,580

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND

SINCE INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Revenues:	
Intergovernmental	\$ 6,620,990
Contributions	123,899
Total Revenues	6,744,889
Expenditures:	
Metrorail safety:	
Staff Compensation	2,075,305
Office Rent	85,876
Contracted Services	711,896
Insurance	108,075
Miscellaneous	123,797
Total Expenditures	3,104,949
Net Change in Fund Balance	3,639,940
Fund Balance, Beginning	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance, Ending	\$ 3,639,940

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

SINCE INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 3,639,940
Reconciliation of amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities:	
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	
Compensated absences Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ (162,360) 3,477,580

FROM INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Note 1—Summary of significant accounting policies

The accompanying financial statements, commonly known as the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report presented for the Washington Metrorail Safety WMSC (the "WMSC") are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted primary standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The WMSC's significant accounting and reporting policies are described below.

The Financial Reporting Entity

The WMSC is a standalone government agency created to oversee and enforce safety of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's Rail System ("Metrorail") through financial support from the participating jurisdictions of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. The three jurisdictions, with the approval of the Congress and the President, created the WMSC through an interstate compact that was signed into law in August 2017. On March 18, 2019, after substantial additional efforts to stand up the WMSC, the Federal Transit Administration certified the WMSC's safety oversight program and transferred direct safety oversight of Metrorail to the WMSC, commencing the planned principal operations of the WMSC. On June 3, 2019 the participating jurisdictions terminated their Memorandum of Understanding with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments ("MWCOG") and authorized MWCOG to transfer all remaining local, state and Federal State Safety Oversight funds to the WMSC, assigning the right to the revenue associated with the planned principal operations of WMSC.

WMSC management is responsible for implementing its financial reporting policies. The WMSC Board is comprised of six commissioners and three alternates. The District of Columbia, State of Maryland, and Commonwealth of Virginia each appoint two commissioners and one alternate. Each member must have expertise in transportation safety or related fields.

Basis of Presentation

The WMSC's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and the statement of activities; fund financial statements, which provide more detailed level of financial information; and notes to the financial statements, which provide a comprehensive narrative information. The WMSC categorizes its primary activities solely as governmental activities.

Government-Wide Financial Statements – The government-wide statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the WMSC as a whole. These statements are reflected on an accrual basis of accounting and economic resources measurement focus, which incorporates long-term assets as well as long-term obligations.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental-type activities of the WMSC at year-end. The WMSC does not have any business-type activities. The statement of activities reduces gross direct expenses by related program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable within a specific function. The program revenues must be directly associated with the function. Program revenues include grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment.

FROM INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Note 1—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Fund Financial Statement – The accounts of the WMSC are organized in one single major fund, the General Fund, which is considered the sole accounting entity. The operations of the fund are accounted for with a set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, and expenditures. The fund statements are presented on a current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting than the government-wide statements, a reconciliation is presented which briefly explains the adjustments necessary to reconcile the fund financial statements to the government-wide financial statements.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting determines when transactions are reported in the financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these activities are included on the statement of net position. Revenues are documented when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred irrespective of the timing of the associated cash flows.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Governmental funds are accounted for using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet in the fund statements. Long-term assets and liabilities are included in the government-wide statements. Operating statements of the governmental funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

For the governmental funds' statements, under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues, including grants are recorded as soon as they are both measurable and available. Available means that the revenues collectible within the current period or within 60 days of year-end to be used to pay current liabilities. Expenditures are recorded when the fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Due to the difference in measurement focus in comparison to government-wide statements, reconciliations, if necessary, are presented to detail the dissimilarities.

Use of Estimates

Management, has made a number of estimates and assumptions, relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, to prepare these financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP. Management believes any differences between these estimates and actual results should not materially affect the WMSC's reporting of its financial position.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include the cash operating accounts. The WMSC maintains its cash and cash equivalents in interest-bearing bank accounts, which, at times, exceed federally insured amounts. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation covers \$250,000 for substantially all depository accounts. The WMSC maintains such deposits with high quality financial institutions and does not believe this results in any significant credit risk. The WMSC has not experienced any losses in such accounts to date. As of June 30, 2020, the WMSC has \$4,001,690 which exceeded these insured limits.

FROM INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Note 1—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Net Position

Net position in government-wide financial statements are classified as restricted and unrestricted. Restricted net position represents constraints on resources that are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, laws and regulations of other governments, or imposed by law. Unrestricted net position includes all remaining assets and liabilities not included in restricted net position. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the WMSC's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Fund Balances

Fund balance is categorized, within one of the three classifications listed below, based primarily on the extent to which the WMSC is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources in the governmental funds.

- The *non-spendable fund balance* category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. At June 30, 2020, the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund consisted of \$17,191 in prepaid expenditures and \$14,400 in other assets (security deposit).
- The restricted fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints are placed on the use of resources either externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, laws and regulations, or through enabling legislation. The WMSC Compact (§ 39) requires the WMSC to maintain six months of operating expenses in operating reserve. Should the operating reserve fall under the required balance, the jurisdictions will be billed accordingly. Overages in the operating reserve will be credited against future bills for the jurisdictions. At June 30, 2020, the restricted fund balance of the General Fund was \$2,750,000.
- The *unassigned fund balance* is the residual classification and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. At June 30, 2020, the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$858,349.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the WMSC's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Prepaid Expenses/Expenditures

Prepaid expenses are accounted for under the consumption methods. Prepaid expenses represent transactions that do no quality for expense or expenditure recognition, but cash flow occurred as of the end of the fiscal year. Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid expenses or expenditures in the financial statements.

Unearned Revenues

The WMSC receives funding from the participating jurisdictions prior to the WMSC's fulfillment of the requirements to receive funding based on the agreement. The WMSC holds this funding until such requirements have been fulfilled.

Compensated Absences

Employees of the WMSC are granted annual leave based on their length of service. Unused paid time off is payable to employees upon termination up to one week's payout. The compensated absences liability in the government-wide statement of net position is separated into current (expected to be paid within one year) and long-term (expected to be paid after one year). The amount expected to be paid within one year is an estimate based on the WMSC's paid time off policy.

FROM INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Note 2—Long-term liabilities

The following is a summary of the changes in long-term liabilities form inception, June 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020:

Balance							I	Balance Due Wit		
	June	3, 2019	Additions		Reductions		June 30, 2020		One Year	
Compensated absences	\$	-	\$	263,510	\$	(101,150)	\$	162,360	\$	126,013
Total	\$	-	\$	263,510	\$	(101,150)	\$	162,360	\$	126,013

Compensated absences payable are liquidated by the General Fund.

Note 3—Operating Leases

The WMSC is committed to a lease agreement as of June 30, 2020 for office space in Washington, D.C. effective June 1, 2019. In April 2020, the WMSC decided to move office locations and signed a new lease agreement that was effective July 1, 2020 for new office space in Washington, D.C. This agreement is subject to annual escalation of rent payments.

Future minimum lease payments for this lease are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Amount	Amount		
2021	\$ 172,80	00		
2022	177,12	20		
2023	181,54	48		
2024	186,08	84		
2025	190,72	28		
Thereafter	1,027,69	92		
Total	\$ 1,935,97	72		

Total rent expense under the agreement since inception, June 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020 was \$85,876.

Additionally, during the year the WMSC was committed to a furniture lease that was effective June 14, 2019 and ended June 30, 2020. Total lease expense under the agreement from inception, June 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020 was \$17,900.

Additionally, during the year the WMSC was committed to a copier lease that was effective September 1, 2019.

Future minimum lease payments for this lease are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,		Amount		
2021	\$	764		
Total	\$	764		

Total rent expense under the agreement since inception, June 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020 was \$2,548.

FROM INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Note 4—Defined Contribution Plan

The WMSC participates in a multiple employer defined contribution retirement savings plan under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. The plan provides for salary deferred contribution by eligible participants and WMSC matching contributions up to 5% of the participant's elected contribution. Employees are eligible to participate in the plan by completing six consecutive months of employment with WMSC and participants are 100% vested immediately. Since inception, June 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020, employer contributions totaled \$67,576.

Note 5—Commitments and contingencies

Litigation

The WMSC is contingently liable with respect to lawsuits and other claims that arise in the ordinary course of its operations. Although the outcome of these matters is not presently determinable, in the opinion of WMSC's management, the resolution of these matters will not have a material, adverse effect on the WMSC's financial condition.

Grants

The WMSC received grant funds, principally from participating localities and the federal government, for Metrorail safety. Expenditures from these grants are subject to audit by the grantor, and the WMSC is contingently liable to refund amounts received in excess of allowable expenditures. WMSC's management believes such refunds, if any, will not be significant.

Other

During 2020 an outbreak of a novel strain of coronavirus ("COVID-19") emerged globally. As a result of the spread of COVID-19, economic uncertainties have arisen that could negatively impact the WMSC's revenue and operations for an indeterminable time period. Other financial impacts could occur that are unknown at this time.

Note 6—Related party

The WMSC Board comprised of nominated officials from each participating jurisdictions: the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. The WMSC is funded by contributions from the participating jurisdictions. Since inception, June 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020, each jurisdiction contributed \$1,634,260 to the WMSC to assist with their operations.

Note 7—Subsequent events

The WMSC has evaluated subsequent events through March 10, 2021, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION OTHER THAN MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited)

WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION OTHER THAN MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – GENERAL FUND

	Budgeted Amounts Actual					Variance from Final Budget Positive			
		Original		Final		Amounts	(Negative)		
Revenues:									
Intergovernmental	\$	5,500,000	\$	5,500,000	\$	6,620,990	\$	1,120,990	
Contributions		-		-		123,899		123,899	
Total Revenues		5,500,000		5,500,000		6,744,889		1,244,889	
Expenditures:									
Current:								/	
Metrorail safety		5,500,000		5,500,000		3,104,949		2,395,051	
Total Expenditures		5,500,000		5,500,000		3,104,949		2,395,051	
Net Change in Fund Balance Fund Balance, Beginning		-		-		3,639,940		3,639,940 -	
Fund Balance, Ending	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,639,940	\$	3,639,940	

STATISTICAL SECTION (Unaudited)

WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION STATISTICAL SECTION

SINCE INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

This part of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission's ("WMSC") 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 government's overall financial health as presented in the financial section of this report.

Financial Trends

These schedules contain trend information to help the reader comprehend how the WMSC's financial performance and well-being have changed over time.

Revenue Capacity

These schedules contain information to help the reader assess the WMSC's most significant local revenue sources, grants, and contributions.

Demographic and Economic Information

These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the WMSC's financial activities take place.

Operating Information

These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in the WMSC's financial report relates to the services the government provides and the activities it performs.

Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the respective year.

WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION STATISTICAL SECTION FINANCIAL TRENDS

SINCE INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Net Position by Component:

	2020*
Governmental Activities:	
Restricted	\$ 2,750,000
Unrestricted	 727,580
Total Net Position	\$ 3,477,580
Changes in Net Position:	
	2020*
Revenues:	
Program Revenues:	
Operating grants and contributions	\$ 6,744,889
Total Revenues	 6,744,889
Expenses:	
Metrorail safety	3,267,309
Total Expenses	 3,267,309
Net Change in Net Position	3,477,580
Net Position, Beginning	
Net Position, Ending	\$ 3,477,580

* These schedules are intended to show information for ten years. Fiscal year 2020 is the inaugural year of operation for the WMSC. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.
WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION STATISTICAL SECTION FINANCIAL TRENDS

SINCE INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Fund Balance – General Fund

	 2020*
General Fund:	
Nonspendable	\$ 31,591
Restricted	2,750,000
Unassigned	 858,349
Total Fund Balances	\$ 3,639,940
Changes in Fund Balance of the General Fund	
	 2020*
Revenues:	
Intergovernmental	\$ 6,620,990
Contributions	 123,899
Total Revenues	 6,744,889
Expenditures:	
Metrorail safety	 3,104,949
Total Expenditures	 3,104,949
Net Change in Fund Balance	3,639,940
Fund Balance, Beginning	-
Fund Balance, Ending	\$ 3,639,940

General Governmental Expenditures by Function

Fiscal Year	 2020*
Expenditures:	
Metrorail safety:	
Staff Compensation	\$ 2,075,305
Office Rent	85,876
Contracted Services	711,896
Insurance	108,075
Miscellaneous	 123,797
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,104,949

WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION STATISTICAL SECTION REVENUE CAPACITY

SINCE INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

General Governmental Revenues by Source

Fiscal Year	Intergovernmental		Contributions		
2020*	\$	6,620,990	\$		123,899
Principal Revenue Payers					
<u>Payer</u>					2020*
Federal Transit Administration				\$	1,718,210
Virginia					1,634,260
Maryland					1,634,260
District of Columbia					1,634,260

WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION STATISTICAL SECTION DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION

SINCE INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Demographic and Economic Statistics

	1 1			Per Capita		Unemployment	
Fiscal Year	Population ¹	Personal Income ¹		Perso	nal Income	Rate	
2020*	6,280	\$	453,978,195	\$	72,290	8.4%	

Sources:

- Population: US Census Bureau, Population Division Estimates for fiscal year 2020 reflect midyear population estimates as of July 1, 2019 available as of March 2020
- Total personal income: US Bureau of Economic Analysis. Total personal income information for fiscal year 2020 is based on latest available data updated November 14, 2019
- Unemployment rate: US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Unemployment rate is as of June 30, 2020.

¹ In thousands

WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION STATISTICAL SECTION DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION

SINCE INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Major Private Employers

Current Fiscal Year and Nine Years Ago

		2020		2011			
			Percentage			Percentage	
		Area	of Total		Area	of Total	
Employer	Rank	Employees	Employment	Rank	Employees	Employment	
Inova Health System	1	19,300	0.6%				
Marriott International	2	17,590	0.6%				
MedStar Health	3	16,754	0.5%				
Verizon Communications	4	15,259	0.5%				
DXC Technology Co	5	15,000	0.5%				
Booz Allen Hamilton	6	13,200	0.4%				
Deliotte LLP and subsidiaries	7	12,832	0.4%				
General Dynamics Corp	8	12,600	0.4%				
Safeway	9	11,858	0.4%				
Amazon.com	10	10,700	0.3%				
MedStar Health				1	15,559	0.5%	
Inova Health System				2	15,534	0.5%	
Northrop Grumman				3	15,053	0.5%	
Science Applications							
International Corp				4	15,000	0.5%	
McDonald's				5	14,980	0.5%	
Booz Allen Hamilton				6	14,000	0.5%	
Marriott International				7	13,330	0.5%	
Verizon Communications				8	13,100	0.5%	
Lockheed Martin				9	18,200	0.4%	
Safeway				10	10,700	0.4%	
Total		145,093	4.6%		145,456	4.8%	

Sources:

• Washington Business Journal, Largest Employers in Greater DC 2020.

• Washingtonpost.com – 2011 Top DC Companies.

WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION STATISTICAL SECTION OPERATING INFORMATION

SINCE INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Full-Time Equivalents Employees	
General Government: Metrorail safety	2020* 18
Source: WMSC records	
Operating Indicators	
	2020*
Audit Reports	2
Inspection Reports	69
Investigation Reports	33

Source: WMSC records

COMPLIANCE SECTION (Unaudited)



Report of Independent Auditor on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Board of Commissioners Washington Metrorail Safety Commission

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the General Fund of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission (the "WMSC") as of and for the period since its inception, June 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the WMSC's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 10, 2021.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did identify a deficiency in internal controls, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2020-001, that we consider to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the WMSC's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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*.

WMSC's Response to Finding

The WMSC's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The WMSC's response was not subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

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

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Tysons Corner, Virginia March 10, 2021



Report of Independent Auditor on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

To the Board of Commissioners Washington Metrorail Safety Commission

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission's (the "WMSC") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the WMSC's major federal program since its inception, June 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The WMSC's major federal program is 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 the WMSC's major federal program 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 the WMSC's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the WMSC's compliance.

Opinion on the Major Federal Programs

In our opinion, the WMSC complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program since inception, June 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the WMSC 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 WMSC's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the 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.

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, in internal control over compliance is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal noncompliance with a type of compliance is a deficiency, 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 is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. However, we did identify a deficiency in internal controls over compliance, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2020-002, that we consider to be a material weakness.

The WMSC's response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our audit is described in the accompany schedule of findings and questioned costs. The WMSC's response was not subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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

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Tysons Corner, Virginia March 10, 2021

WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

SINCE INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Federal Granting Agency Grant Program	CFDA Number	Ex	Federal penditures
Department of Transportation		·	
Federal Transit Administration			
Rail Fixed Guideway Public Transportation System State Safety			
Oversight Formula Grant Program	20.528	\$	1,718,210
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards		\$	1,718,210

WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

SINCE INCEPTION, JUNE 3, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of Presentation – The information in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") is presented in accordance 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"). Therefore, some amounts presented in the Schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements. Federal award program titles are reported as presented in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance ("CFDA") in effect for the year in which the award was granted.

Basis of Accounting – The Schedule has been prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting as defined in Note 1 of the financial statements.

De Minimis Cost Rate – The WMSC has not elected to use the 10% de minimis cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

JUNE 30, 2020

A. Summary of Auditor's Results

1.	The type of report issued on the basic financial statements:	Unmodified opinion
2.	Significant deficiencies in internal control disclosed by the audit of the financial statements:	None reported
3.	Material weaknesses in internal control disclosed by the audit of financial statements:	Yes
4.	Noncompliance, which is material to the financial statements:	Νο
5.	Significant deficiencies in internal control over major programs:	Νο
6.	Material weaknesses in internal control over major programs:	Yes
7.	The type of report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified opinion
8.	Any audit findings which are required to be reported under the Uniform Guidance:	Νο
9.	The program tested as major programs were:	
	CFDA NumberName of Federal Program and Cluster20.528Rail Fixed Guideway Public Transportation System State Sa Formula Grant Program	afety Oversight
10.		\$750,000

11. The Washington Metrorail Safety Commission ("WMSC") did not qualify as a low-risk auditee under Section 530 of Uniform Guidance.

WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

JUNE 30, 2020

B. Findings Relating to the Financial Statements Reported in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

Finding 2020-001: Material Weakness in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting – Compensated Absences

Prior Year Audit Finding Number: Not Applicable

Criteria:

In order to prepare financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, vacation leave should be accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned by employees.

Condition:

The calculation of compensated absences did not include all vacation leave earned by employees as of yearend. This resulted in a \$133,360 understatement of the WMSC's compensated absences balance and staff compensation and corresponding overstatement of net position and change in net position as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Cause:

Internal controls were not properly designed and implemented to ensure that all vacation leave earned by employees were included in the compensated absences calculation at yearend.

Effect:

We proposed, and management posted, an audit adjustment to increase compensated absences and staff compensation by \$133,360 as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the internal controls over the yearend calculation of compensated absences be strengthened to ensure that all vacation leave earned by employees is included in the calculation.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective action:

Management concurs with this finding. Acting CEO, Sharmila Samarasinghe will be responsible for ensuring that internal controls related to the yearend calculation of compensated absences are strengthened to ensure that all vacation leave earned by employees is included in the calculation.

C. Findings and Questioned Costs Relating to Federal Awards

Finding 2020-002: Material Weakness in Internal Controls – Cash Management for the Rail Fixed Guideway Public Transportation System State Safety Oversight Formula Grant Program (CFDA 20.528)

Criteria:

Per Title 2 Subpart §200.303, "The non-Federal entity must:

(a) Establish and maintain effective internal control over the Federal award that provides reasonable assurance that the non-Federal entity is managing the Federal award in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award. These internal controls should be in compliance with guidance in "Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States or the "Internal Control Integrated Framework", issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

JUNE 30, 2020

C. Findings and Questioned Costs Relating to Federal Awards (continued)

Finding 2020-002: Material Weakness in Internal Controls – Cash Management for the Rail Fixed Guideway Public Transportation System State Safety Oversight Formula Grant Program (CFDA 20.528)

- (b) Comply with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal awards.
- (c) Evaluate and monitor the non-Federal entity's compliance with statutes, regulations and the terms, and conditions of Federal awards.
- (d) Take prompt action when instances of noncompliance are identified including noncompliance identified in audit findings."

Condition:

During our testing of two reimbursement requests, we noted two instances in which the reimbursement requests were submitted to the Federal Transit Authority ("FTA") prior to being reviewed by WMSC.

Cause:

Internal controls were not properly designed and implemented to ensure all reimbursement requests are reviewed prior to submission.

Effect:

The program is at risk for requesting reimbursement for unallowable costs under the grant agreement or requesting reimbursement for amounts in excess of federal awards.

Questioned Costs:

None noted.

Prevalence and Consequence of the Audit Finding:

Systemic problem as there were multiple instances of the finding.

Repeat Finding:

No, this is not a repeat finding.

Recommendation:

We recommend that internal controls over compliance be strengthened to ensure allowable costs are being requested for reimbursement, that reimbursements are within federal award limits, and that the review be formally documented prior to submission.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions:

Management concurs with the finding. Acting CEO, Sharmila Samarasinghe will ensure that internal controls over reimbursement requests are strengthened to ensure that only allowable costs are being requested for reimbursement, that reimbursements are within federal award limits, and that the review is formally documented prior to submission.

D. Status of Prior Year Findings

Not applicable.

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WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

JUNE 30, 2020

Findings Relating to the Financial Statements Reported in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

Finding 2020-001: Material Weakness in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting – Compensated Absences

Name of Contact Person: Sharmila Samarasinghe, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Corrective Action: The WMSC will be responsible for ensuring that internal controls related to the yearend calculation of compensated absences are strengthened to ensure that all vacation leave earned by employees is included in the calculation.

Proposed Completion Date: Immediately

Findings and Questioned Costs Relating to Federal Awards

Finding 2020-002: Material Weakness in Internal Controls – Cash Management for the Rail Fixed Guideway Public Transportation System State Safety Oversight Formula Grant Program (CFDA 20.528)

Name of Contact Person: Sharmila Samarasinghe, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Corrective Action: The WMSC will ensure that internal controls over reimbursement requests are strengthened to ensure that only allowable costs are being requested for reimbursement, that reimbursements are within federal award limits, and that the review is formally documented prior to submission.

Proposed Completion Date: Immediately