

Board of Trustees and Audit Committee Members Utah Transit Authority Salt Lake City, Utah

Professional standards require that we communicate certain matters to keep you adequately informed about matters related to the financial statement audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. We communicate such matters in this report.

# AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Our responsibility is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The audit of the financial statements does not relieve you of your responsibilities and does not relieve management of their responsibilities. Refer to our engagement letter with the Utah Transit Authority (the Authority) for further information on the responsibilities of management and of Crowe LLP.

#### **AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the Authority's 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 or disclosures. 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.

### COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING OUR INDEPENDENCE FROM THE AUTHORITY

Auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require independence for all audits, and we confirm that we are independent auditors with respect to the Authority under the independence requirements established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Additionally, we wish to communicate that we have no relationships with the Authority that, in our professional judgment, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence and that we gave significant consideration to in reaching the conclusion that our independence has not been impaired.

### PLANNED SCOPE AND TIMING OF THE AUDIT

We are to communicate an overview of the planned scope and timing of the audit. Accordingly, the following matters regarding the planned scope and timing of the audit were discussed with you.

- How we proposed to address the significant risks of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- Our approach to internal control relevant to the audit.
- The concept of materiality in planning and executing the audit, focusing on the factors considered rather than on specific thresholds or amounts.
- The nature and extent of specialized skills or knowledge needed to plan and evaluate the results of the audit, including the use of an auditor's expert.
- Where the entity has an internal audit function, the extent to which the auditor will use the work of internal audit, and how the external and internal auditors can best work together.
- Your views and knowledge of matters you consider warrant our attention during the audit, as well as your views on:
  - o The allocation of responsibilities between you and management.
  - The entity's objectives and strategies, and the related business risks that may result in material misstatements.
  - Significant communications between the entity and regulators.
  - Other matters you believe are relevant to the audit of the financial statements.

# SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT JUDGMENTS AND ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Significant Accounting Policies: Those Charged with Governance should be informed of the initial selection of and changes in significant accounting policies or their application. Also, Those Charged with Governance should be aware of methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas where there is a lack of authoritative consensus. We believe management has the primary responsibility to inform Those Charged with Governance about such matters. To assist Those Charged with Governance in its oversight role, we also provide the following.

Accounting Standard	Impact of Adoption
GASB Statement No. 89, "Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred Before the End of a Construction Period"  This Statement requires that interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period be recognized as an expense in the period in which the cost is incurred for financial statements prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. As a result, interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period will not be included in the historical cost of a capital asset reported in a business-type activity or enterprise fund. This Statement also reiterates that in financial statements prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus, interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period should be recognized as an expenditure on a basis consistent with governmental fund accounting principles.	Adoption of this Statement did not have a material impact on the Authority's financial position or results of operations.

Accounting Standard	Impact of Adoption
GASB Statement No. 93, "Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates"  This Statement was issued to address accounting and financial reporting implications that result from the replacement of an interbank offered rate (IBOR).	Adoption of this Statement did not have a material impact on the Authority's financial position or results of operations.
GASB Statement No. 98, "The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report" This Statement was issued to rename the comprehensive annual financial report to "annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR)." The new term and acronym replace instances of "comprehensive annual financial report" and its acronym in generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments. This statement was developed in response to concerns raised by stakeholders that the common pronunciation of the prior acronym for the report sounds like a racial slur. No changes were made to the structure or content of the report.	Upon adoption of this Statement, the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was renamed the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report or ACFR.
Significant Unusual Transactions.	No such matters noted
Significant Accounting Policies in Controversial or Emerging Areas.	No such matters noted

Management Judgments and Accounting Estimates: Further, accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based upon management's current judgments. These judgments are based upon knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments and may be subject to significant change in the near term.

The following describes the significant accounting estimates reflected in the Authority's year-end financial statements, the process used by management in formulating these particularly sensitive accounting estimates and the primary basis for our conclusions regarding the reasonableness of those estimates.

Significant Accounting Estimate	Process Used by Management	Basis for Our Conclusions
Useful Lives of Capital Assets	Management has determined the economic useful lives of capital assets based on past history of similar types of assets, future plans as to their use, and other factors that impact their economic value to the Authority.	We tested the propriety of information underlying management's estimates.
Loss Contingencies	The Authority consults with legal counsel to evaluate outstanding litigation, claims and assessments. Factors that affect management's evaluation of litigation contingencies requiring disclosure include the nature of the contingencies and whether the outcome could have an effect on the consolidated financial statements.	Based on information obtained from the Authority's legal counsel regarding this matter and discussions with management, we concur with management's determination that the loss contingency does not meet conditions for accrual of being both probable and estimable, and, thus, no accrual is reported and no specific disclosures are required.

Significant Accounting Estimate	Process Used by Management	Basis for Our Conclusions
Pension Obligations	Amounts reported for pension obligations require management to use estimates that may be subject to significant change in the near term. These estimates are based on projection of the weighted average discount rate, rate of increase in future compensation levels, and weighted average expected long-term rate of return on pension assets.	We reviewed the reasonableness of these estimates and assumptions.

# AUDITOR'S JUDGMENTS ABOUT QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

We are to discuss with you our comments about the following matters related to the Authority's accounting policies and financial statement disclosures. Accordingly, these matters will be discussed during our meeting with you.

- The appropriateness of the accounting policies to the particular circumstances of the entity, considering the need to balance the cost of providing information with the likely benefit to users of the entity's financial statements.
- The overall neutrality, consistency, and clarity of the disclosures in the financial statements.
- The effect of the timing of transactions in relation to the period in which they are recorded.
- The potential effect on the financial statements of significant risks and exposures, and uncertainties that are disclosed in the financial statements.
- The extent to which the financial statements are affected by unusual transactions including nonrecurring amounts recognized during the period, and the extent to which such transactions are separately disclosed in the financial statements.
- The issues involved, and related judgments made, in formulating particularly sensitive financial statement disclosures.
- The factors affecting asset and liability carrying values, including the entity's basis for determining useful lives assigned to tangible and intangible assets.
- The selective correction of misstatements, for example, correcting misstatements with the
  effect of increasing reported earnings, but not those that have the effect of decreasing reported
  earnings.

### CORRECTED AND UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS

<u>Corrected Misstatements</u>: We are to inform you of material corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures.

- 1. Corrected misstatement to reclassify \$8.875 million of long-term debt to current liabilities for the portion due within one year.
- 2. Corrected misstatement related to long-term debt that increases deferred outflow of resources by approximately \$39.7 million, increases deferred inflow of resources by approximately \$48.7 million, increases other receivables by approximately \$3.1 million, decreases interest expense by approximately \$7.1 million, decreases contributed capital by \$13.2 million, and decreases change in net position by approximately \$6.1 million due to the improper accounting for a debt refunding transaction.

3. Corrected misstatement of \$1.6 million to adjust the net pension liability to agree to the GASB 67/68 report provided by the actuary.

<u>Uncorrected Misstatements</u>: We are to inform you of uncorrected misstatements that were aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest and prior period(s) presented that were determined by management to be immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. For your consideration, we have distinguished misstatements between known misstatements and likely misstatements.

An adjustment was waived to reclassify approximately \$25.8 million from construction in progress
to depreciable capital assets for assets completed and placed into service during 2021. This waived
adjustment did not have a material impact on the change in net position due to unrecorded
depreciation expense.

### **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

Communication Item	Results				
Other Information Included in an Annual Report Information may be prepared by management that accompanies or includes the financial statements. To assist your consideration of this information, you should know that we are required by audit standards to read such information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements. We are also to remain alert for indications that:  • Material inconsistency exists between the other information and the auditor's knowledge obtained in the audit; or  • A material misstatement of fact exists, or the other information is otherwise misleading. If we identify a material inconsistency between the other information and the financial statements, we are to seek a resolution of the matter.	We understand that management has not prepared other information to accompany the audited financial statements.				
Significant Difficulties Encountered During the Audit We are to inform you of any significant difficulties encountered in dealing with management related to the performance of the audit.	There were no significant difficulties encountered in dealing with management related to the performance of the audit.				
Disagreements with Management We are to discuss with you any disagreements with management, whether or not satisfactorily resolved, about matters that individually or in the aggregate could be significant to the Authority's financial statements or the auditor's report.	During our audit, there were no such disagreements with management.				
Difficulties or Contentious Matters We are required to discuss with the Those Charged with Governance any difficulties or contentious matters for which we consulted outside of the engagement team.	During the audit, there were no such issues for which we consulted outside the engagement team.				
Circumstances that Affect the Form and Content of the Auditor's Report We are to discuss with you any circumstances that affect the form and content of the auditor's report, if any.	There are no such circumstances that affect the form and content of the auditor's report.				

Communication Item	Results					
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Consultations with Other Accountants	We are not aware of any instances where					
If management consulted with other accountants	management consulted with other accountants					
about auditing and accounting matters, we are to	about auditing or accounting matters since no					
inform you of such consultation, if we are aware	other accountants contacted us, which they are					
of it, and provide our views on the significant	required to do by Statement on Auditing					
matters that were the subject of such	Standards No. 50, before they provide written or					
consultation.	oral advice.					
Representations the Auditor Is Requesting	We direct your attention to a copy of the letter of					
from Management	management's representation to us provided					
We are to provide you with a copy of	separately.					
management's requested written representations						
to us.						
Significant Issues Discussed, or Subject to	There were no such significant issues discussed,					
Correspondence, With Management	or subject to correspondence, with management.					
We are to communicate to you any significant						
issues that were discussed or were the subject of						
correspondence with management.						
Significant Related Party Findings or Issues	There were no such findings or issues that are,					
We are to communicate to you significant	in our judgment, significant and relevant to you					
findings or issues arising during the audit in	regarding your oversight of the financial reporting					
connection with the Authority's related parties.	process.					
Other Findings or Issues We Find Relevant or	There were no such other findings or issues that					
Significant	are, in our judgment, significant and relevant to					
We are to communicate to you other findings or	you regarding your oversight of the financial					
issues, if any, arising during the audit that are, in	reporting process.					
our professional judgment, significant and						
relevant to you regarding your oversight of the						
financial reporting process.						

We are pleased to serve the Authority as its independent auditors and look forward to our continued relationship. We provide the above information to assist you in performing your oversight responsibilities and would be pleased to discuss this letter or any matters further, should you desire. This letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees, members of the Audit Committee and, if appropriate, management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Crowe LLP

Crowne LLP

Indianapolis, Indiana June 17, 2022

#### Utah Transit Authority Schedule of Corrected Financial Statement Misstatements December 31, 2021

				Increase (Decrease)					
				Assets /	L	iabilities /			
				Deferred		Deferred	Net Position	Revenues	Expenses
Financial Statement Item	Debit		Credit	Outflows		Inflows			
1 Current portion of long-term debt		\$	8,875,000		\$	8,875,000			
Long-term debt	\$ 8,875,000				\$	(8,875,000)			
To reclassify portion of 2015A subordinated	debt due in 2022	2 to	current liab	ilities.					
2 Other receivables	\$ 3,128,375			\$ 3,128,375					
Capital contributions	\$ 13,239,900							\$(13,239,900)	
Deferred outflow - advanced debt refunding	\$ 39,675,613			\$ 39,675,613					
Deferred inflow - advanced debt refunding		\$	48,709,624		\$	48,709,624			
Long-term debt		\$	216,240		\$	216,240			
Interest expense		\$	7,118,024						\$ (7,118,024)
To correct balances related to debt refunding	g transaction.								
3 Net pension liability		\$	1,645,798		\$	1,645,798			
Operating expenses - pension expense	\$ 1,645,798								\$ 1,645,798
To adjust net pension liability to agree to am	ount reported or	G,	ASB 67/68 a	actuary report.					

### Utah Transit Authority Schedule of Uncorrected Financial Statement Misstatements December 31, 2021

			Increase (Decrease)				
			Assets /	Liabilities /			<u>.</u>
			Deferred	Deferred	Net Position	Revenues	Expenses
Financial Statement Item	Debit	Credit	Outflows	Inflows			
Depreciable capital assets	\$ 25,841,857		\$ 25,841,857				
Construction in progress		\$ 25,841,857	\$ (25,841,857)				

To transfer completed projects placed into service prior to 12/31 from construction in progress to a depreciable capital asset account.

Total impact on change in net position \$ -

Total impact on change in net position \$\(\frac{\(\frac{1}{7},767,674\)}{\(\frac{1}{7}}\)