Madera County Transportation Authority Madera, CA

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors

Madera County Transportation Authority

Madera, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Madera County Transportation Authority (the Authority) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Authority, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Authority and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Authority's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 5–9 and 33-34 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Measure T Sales Tax Receipts is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information 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. The 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 to 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 Measure T Sales Tax Receipts is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 13, 2024, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 Authority'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 Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Clovis, California

February 13, 2024

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Madera County Transportation Authority (the Authority), we offer readers of the Authority's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Authority for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. We encourage the readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the Authority's financial audit.

Financial Highlights

- 1. The assets of the Authority exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by \$7,413,563 (net position).
- 2. The Authority's total net position for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, increased by \$2,779,871 primarily because of lower expenditures on capital outlay costs.
- 3. As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Authority's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$9,104,768, a decrease of \$1,652,876 in comparison with the prior year. The amount of \$506,688 is restricted for specific regional capital projects and \$8,580,747 is assigned for road improvements.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Authority's basic financial statements. The Authority's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Basic Financial Statements

The first two statements in the basic financial statements are **Government-Wide Financial Statements**. They provide both short and long-term information about the Authority's financial status.

The next statements are **Fund Financial Statements**. These statements focus on the activities of the individual parts of the Authority's government. These financial statements provide more detail than the government-wide statements. There are two parts to the Fund Financial Statements: 1) the governmental fund statements and 2) the fiduciary fund statements.

The next section of the basic financial statements is the **Notes**. The notes to the financial statements explain in detail some of the data contained in those statements.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Authority's finances, in a manner like a private-sector business, and consist of the following two statements:

The **statement of net position** presents information on the Authority's net position and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating.

The **statement of activities** presents information showing how the Authority's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, the revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future periods.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

The government-wide financial statements report on the functions of the Authority that are principally supported by sales tax revenues. The Authority's function is to provide administration and planning services for the Measure T program.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 12 to 13 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 Madera County Transportation Authority, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, tax revenue fund financial statements focus 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. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 15 through 20 of this report.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

Trust funds. Trust funds are used to account for Measure T resources held for the benefit of local agencies (City of Madera, County of Madera, and the City of Chowchilla). The Authority has one trust fund (Measure T Trust Funds). Trust funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Authority's programs.

The basic trust fund financial statements can be found on pages 19 through 20 of this report.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 22 through 31 of this report.

Other information. This report also presents certain required supplemental information concerning compliance with the Authority's annual budget for the General Fund, which is the Authority's main operating fund. This information and associated notes immediately follow the basic financial statements and their accompanying notes.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Following are the government-wide financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023:

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Authority, assets exceeded liabilities by \$7,413,563 at the close of the fiscal year 2022-23.

MCTA Net Position Condensed Statement of Net Position

	2023		2022	
Assets:				
Current assets	\$	15,087,902	\$	9,199,135
Noncurrent assets		506,688		3,120,553
Total assets		15,594,590		12,319,688
Liabilities:				
Other liabilities		6,523,628		1,672,399
Long-term liabilities		1,657,399		6,013,597
Total liabilities		8,181,027		7,685,996
Net position:				
Restricted		506,688		3,120,553
Unrestricted		6,906,875		1,513,139
Total net position	\$	7,413,563	\$	4,633,692

MCTA Changes in Net Position Condensed Statement of Activities

	2023		2022	
Revenues:				
Program revenues:				
Operating grants and contributions	\$	34,857	\$	48,583
General revenues:				
Sales taxes		7,909,326		8,006,734
Interest income		164,119		27,496
Total revenues		8,108,302		8,082,813
Expenses:				
Public ways and facilities		5,113,381		5,659,037
Interest on long-term debt		215,050		332,169
Total expenses		5,328,431		5,991,206
Change in net position		2,779,871		2,091,607
Net position - beginning		4,633,692		2,542,085
Net position - ending	\$	7,413,563	\$	4,633,692

Governmental Activities: The Authority's net position increased by \$2,779,871 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The table above indicates the change in net position for governmental activities. The key elements of this increase are primarily attributable to lower than planned capital project expenditures this fiscal year. Budget and fund financial statements reflect the modified accrual basis of accounting under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Under this approach, capital assets purchased and debt principal payments are recorded as expenditures. Further, revenues are accrued if measurable and available within the Authority's availability period established at 90 days. Conversely, the statement of activities is reported under the accrual basis of accounting, which capitalizes capital asset purchases, reduces liabilities by principal payments and recognizes revenues collected after the 90-day period.

The Authority's Funds

As the Authority completed this year, our governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$9,104,768, which is a decrease of \$1,652,876 from last year.

The primary reason for this change is:

1. The capital projects fund balance decreased by \$1,652,986 due to higher expenditures on capital projects this fiscal year.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

During the year there was no change between the original budget and the final budget for the General Fund. Actual revenues were more than the final budget by \$11,111 and expenditures were more than the final budget by \$4,793. The net effect of these differences results in an increase of \$110 in the fund balance in the general fund.

Long-Term Obligations

At the end of fiscal year, the Authority had \$1,657,399 in debt outstanding. The debt consisted of Series 2009 and 2010 of the sales tax revenue bonds (see Note 6).

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The Authority began to receive sales tax revenues under Measure T in Fiscal Year 2007/08. As approved by Madera County voters in November 2006, Measure T provides funding for all modes of transportation and enables agencies within the County to address the needs of residents, businesses, and major industries in providing for road improvements, public transit, and other programs that improve mobility and air quality.

The following economic factors were considered in preparing the Authority's fiscal year 2023-24 budget:

- A. Projected an increase of 0.80% in sales tax receipts in 2023-24 compared to actual sales tax receipts in 2022-23.
- B. Estimated expenditures for capital projects in the amount of \$11,480,000.
- C. Bond Debt Service in the amount of \$1,309,886.

Contacting Madera County 2006 Transportation Authority's Financial Manager

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the Authority's finances and to demonstrate the Authority's accountability for the money it receives. Additional financial information can be obtained by contacting Patricia Taylor, Executive Director, Madera County 2006 Transportation Authority, 2001 Howard Road, Suite 201, Madera, California 93637.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and investments	\$ 13,684,008
Measure T sales tax receivable	1,403,894
Restricted assets:	
Cash and investments	506,688
Total assets	15,594,590
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	4,450,368
Interest payable	33,806
Due to trust funds	1,934,617
Due to other governments	104,837
Long-term liabilities:	
Portion due or payable within one year:	
Bonds payable	1,220,000
Portion due or payable after one year:	
Bonds payable	437,399
Total liabilities	8,181,027
NET POSITION	
Restricted for:	
Debt service	503,808
Capital projects	2,880
Unrestricted	6,906,875
Total net position	\$ 7,413,563

		Progran	n Revenues	Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position
	_	Operating Charges for Grants and		Governmental
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Activities
Governmental activities: Public ways and facilities Interest on long-term debt	\$ 5,113,381 215,050	\$ -	\$ 34,857	\$ (5,078,524) (215,050)
Total governmental activities	\$ 5,328,431	\$ -	\$ 34,857	(5,293,574)
	General revenues: Taxes:			
	Sales taxes Interest income			7,909,326 164,119
	interest income			104,119
	Total general reve	nues		8,073,445
	Change in net posi	tion		2,779,871
	Net position - begi	nning		4,633,692
	Net position - endi	ng		\$ 7,413,563

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Governmental Funds Balance Sheet

		General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	G	Total overnmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and investments	\$	3,551,438	\$ 10,132,570	\$	13,684,008
Restricted cash and investments		-	506,688		506,688
Due from other funds		-	1,526,213		1,526,213
Receivables:					
Measure T sales tax		28,798	 1,375,096		1,403,894
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	3,580,236	\$ 13,540,567	\$	17,120,803
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$	-	\$ 4,450,368	\$	4,450,368
Due to other funds		3,460,830	-		3,460,830
Due to other governments		102,073	 2,764		104,837
Total liabilities		3,562,903	 4,453,132		8,016,035
FUND BALANCES					
Restricted:					
Debt service		-	503,808		503,808
Capital projects		-	2,880		2,880
Assigned:					
Road improvements		-	8,580,747		8,580,747
Unassigned		17,333	 		17,333
Total fund balances		17,333	 9,087,435		9,104,768
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	3,580,236	\$ 13,540,567	\$	17,120,803

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because: Total fund balances - governmental funds \$ 9,104,768 Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in governmental funds. Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of: Bonds payable (1,657,399)Interest payable on long-term debt does not require current financial resources; therefore, interest payable is not reported as a liability in the governmental funds (33,806)balance sheet. 7,413,563 Net position of governmental activities

Governmental Funds

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

	Capital General Projects Fund Fund		General Projects		Go	Total overnmental Funds
REVENUES						
Sales tax	\$	377,719	\$	7,531,607	\$	7,909,326
Federal revenue		-		34,857		34,857
Interest revenue		682		163,437		164,119
Total revenues		378,401		7,729,901		8,108,302
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
Public ways and facilities:						
Administration and planning		378,291		2,764		381,055
Debt service:						
Principal		-		4,305,000		4,305,000
Interest		-		346,339		346,339
Capital outlay - road improvements				4,728,784		4,728,784
Total expenditures		378,291		9,382,887		9,761,178
Net change in fund balances		110		(1,652,986)		(1,652,876)
Fund balances - beginning		17,223		10,740,421		10,757,644
Fund balances - ending	\$	17,333	\$	9,087,435	\$	9,104,768

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances to the Government-Wide Statement of Activities

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ (1,652,876)
Repayment of long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds, however, in the statement of net position the repayment reduces long-term liabilities. Repayment of long-term debt	4,305,000
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Premiums on bonds are amortized over the term of the bond in the government-wide statements but are recorded as an other source of funds in the year of issue on the	F4 400
governmental fund statements.	51,198
Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest	
accrues, regardless of when it is due.	 76,549
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 2,779,871

Fiduciary Funds

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position – Private-Purpose Trust Fund

ASSETS		
Cash and investments	\$ 1,050,800	
Measure T sales tax receivable	1,475,888	
Due from other funds	 1,934,617	
Total assets	 4,461,305	
LIABILITIES		
Due to other governments	4,448,219	
Total liabilities	 4,448,219	
NET POSITION		
Restricted for:		
Other governments	 13,086	
Total net position	\$ 13,086	

Fiduciary Funds

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position – Private-Purpose Trust Fund

ADDITIONS Sales tax Investment income	\$ 8,083,662 41,741
Total additions	8,125,403
DEDUCTIONS Disbursements to local agencies	8,114,031
Total deductions	8,114,031
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	11,372
Net position - beginning	1,714
Net position - ending	\$ 13,086

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Scope of Financial Reporting Entity

The Madera County Transportation Authority (the Authority) was created by the approval of Measure T by the voters of Madera County, California (the County) in November 2006. Measure T authorized the imposition of a ½% retail transaction and use tax (sales tax) in the County for 20 years through the year 2027.

The proceeds from Measure T are principally reserved for regional projects, local transportation, public transportation, and environmental enhancement.

The sales tax revenues received by the Authority under Measure T, after deducting certain administrative costs, are to be spent for programs as set forth in the investment plan included in Measure T and approved by the voters of the County.

The primary elements of the Measure T Program consist of the following:

Commute Corridor/Farm to Market Program (Regional Transportation Program) – authorizes major new projects to improve freeway interchanges, adds additional lanes, increases safety as determined by the local jurisdictions, and improves and reconstructs major commute corridors.

Safe Routes to Schools and Jobs Program (Local Transportation Program) – goal of this program is to improve each individual City's and the County's local transportation systems.

Transit Enhancement Program (Public Transportation Program) – goal of this program is to expand or enhance public transit programs that address the transit dependent population and have a demonstrated ability to get people out of their cars and improve air quality.

Environmental Enhancement Program – goal of this program is to improve air quality and the environment through four programs: environmental mitigation, air quality, bicycle/pedestrian facilities, and car/van pools.

Administration and Planning Program – funding is provided to the Authority to prepare investment plan updates, develop allocation program requirements, and administer and conduct specified activities identified in the other four programs.

B. Madera County Transportation Authority Structure Under the Measure T Program

The Authority administers the Measure T Program in compliance with PUC 180000. The Authority is responsible for administering the Measure T Program in accordance with plans and programs outlined in the Investment Plan and any subsequent updates.

PUC 180000 includes provisions regarding the number of members on the Authority Board. Specifically, the Authority is represented by six (6) members including:

- Three (3) members of the Board of Supervisors, appointed by the Board.
- Two (2) members representing the City of Madera, consisting of members of the City Council, appointed by the City Council.
- One (1) member representing the City of Chowchilla consisting of a member of the City Council, appointed by the City Council.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements consist of the following:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to the basic financial statements

The government-wide financial statements consist of the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, and report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. All internal balances in the Statement of Net Position have been eliminated.

Both of the government-wide and fund financial statements distinguish functions of the Authority that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities).

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct and indirect expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or activity. Indirect expenses are allocated based on the annual cost allocation plan. Program revenues include: 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or activity; and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Other items, not properly included among program revenues, are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate fund financial statements are provided for governmental funds and trust funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements.

D. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the trust funds financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified-accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Authority considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 90 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred. However, debt service expenditures and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due and payable.

The fund financial statements provide information about the Authority's individual funds including governmental and private-purpose trust funds. Separate statements for each fund category are presented. The Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances focus on the presentation of major governmental funds – the General Fund and Capital Projects Funds. These two statements are used to report information regarding the Authority's own operations and programs. The Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position provide information regarding the sales tax proceeds and related disbursements, which are exclusively restricted for local agencies for the support of regional public transit, local transportation and regional transportation within the County. Disbursements of Measure T funds during the fiscal year ended June 30 were made to the Cities of Madera and Chowchilla, and the County of Madera.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statements (Continued)

The Authority reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – the Authority's primary operating fund, used to account for all the financial resources and the legally authorized activities of the Authority except those required to be accounted for in other specialized funds.

Capital Projects Fund – used to account for the accumulation of resources to be used to pay the costs of capital projects designated by Measure T.

The Authority reports the following fiduciary fund:

Private-Purpose Trust Fund – used to account for Measure T sales tax funds held by the Authority in a trustee capacity.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Authority considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. The Authority does not consider amounts invested in external investment pools, such as the Madera County Treasury, to be cash equivalents.

F. Deposits with the Madera County Treasury

The Authority deposits all funds received in the County Treasury. Funds in the County Treasury participate in the County's pooled investments, an external investment pool. The County Treasurer invests the Authority's excess cash in an external investment pool on behalf of the Authority and other governments maintaining cash in the County Treasury. The County apportions some of the interest earned on pooled investments on the basis of the fund's average balance. Investment policies and associated risk factors applicable to the Authority are those of the County of Madera. All of the County's investments in securities are insured, registered, or are held by the County or its agents in the County's name.

The County of Madera Board of Supervisors exercises primary oversight responsibility for the County of Madera's investments. The County Treasurer manages the portfolio and reports the results to the Board. A Madera County Treasury Oversight Committee consisting of the County Treasurer, the Auditor-Controller, and a third member representing the County schools (the primary external pool participant) also monitors the Treasury's investment on a regular basis. No regulatory agency outside of the County of Madera exercises any regulatory responsibilities over the County's investments. The County's pool is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

G. <u>Interfund Balances</u>

Sales tax receipts from the State are deposited into the General Fund upon receipt and subsequently transferred to the Capital Projects and Trust Funds. Amounts that have not been transferred between funds at the end of the fiscal year, as well as all other outstanding balances between funds, are reported as "due to/from other funds". Internal balances are eliminated in the Statement of Net Position.

H. Accounts Payable

Accounts payable reported in the financial statements of the Authority are amounts that are due and payable at year-end and, thereby, accrued as an expense and liability.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

I. Interest Payable

In the government-wide financial statements, interest payable of long-term debt is recognized as the liability is incurred for governmental fund types.

J. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources, while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

K. Fund Balance Classification

The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the Authority is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

Nonspendable — This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed – This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Directors. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Directors removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance or resolution) that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned – This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the Authority's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed by the Board of Directors or through the Board of Directors delegating this responsibility to the Authority Manager through the budgetary process. This classification also includes the remaining positive fund balance for all governmental funds except for the General Fund.

Unassigned – This classification includes amounts that have not been assigned to other funds or restricted, committed or assigned to a specific purpose within the Authority.

The Authority generally uses restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources, and then assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first to defer the use of these other classified funds.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

L. Net Position

In government-wide financial statements, net position is reported in three categories as follows:

Net Investment in Capital Assets – This amount consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding debt that attributed to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of the assets.

Restricted – This amount is restricted by external creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

Unrestricted – This amount is all net position that does not meet the definition of "net investment in capital assets" or "restricted net position".

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, the Authority generally applies restricted net position first.

M. Use of Estimates

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A reconciliation of the total fund balances for governmental funds to the total net position of governmental activities has been prepared as part of the basic financial statements, including explanations of differences.

A reconciliation of the total net change in fund balances for governmental funds to the total changes in net position of governmental activities has been prepared as part of the basic financial statements, including explanations of differences.

NOTE 3 – SUMMARY OF RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Madera County Transportation Commission (the Commission) maintains the Madera County Transportation Authority's accounting records and incurs various administrative, Measure T renewal costs, and other expenses on behalf of the Authority. Expenses incurred by the Authority to the Commission during the fiscal year June 30, 2023 totaled to \$381,056. The total accounts payable to the Commission was \$104,947 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 4 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investments as of June 30, 2023 are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

Statement of net position:	
Cash and investments	\$ 13,684,008
Restricted cash and investments	506,688
Statement of fiduciary net position:	
Cash and investments	 1,050,800
Total cash and investments	\$ 15,241,496
Cash and investments as of June 30, 2023 consist of the following:	
County investment pool	\$ 14,738,635
Investments	 502,861
Total cash and investments	\$ 15,241,496

A. Investments Authorized by the California Government Code and the Authority's Investment Policy

The table below identifies the investment types that are authorized for the Authority by the California Government Code or the Authority's investment policy, where more restrictive. The table also identifies certain provisions of the California Government Code or the Authority's investment policy, where more restrictive, that address interest rate risk, credit risk and concentration of credit risk.

		Maximum	Maximum
	Maximum	Percentage	Investment
Authorized Investment Type	Maturity	of Portfolio	in One Issuer
Local Agency Bonds	5 years	None	None
U.S. Treasury Obligations	5 years	None	None
U.S. Agency Securities	5 years	None	None
Banker's Acceptances	180 days	40%	None
Commercial Paper	270 days	None	None
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	5 years	None	None
Repurchase Agreements	1 year	None	None
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	92 days	None	None
Medium-Term Notes	5 years	None	None
Mutual Funds	n/a	None	None
Money Market Mutual Funds	n/a	None	None
Mortgage Pass-Through Securities	5 years	None	None
County Pooled Investment Funds	n/a	100%	None
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	n/a	None	None

Investments Authorized by Debt Agreements

Investments of debt proceeds held by the bond trustee are governed by provisions of the debt agreements, in accordance with the provisions of the Government Code of the State of California.

NOTE 4 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

B. <u>Disclosures Relating to Interest Rate Risk</u>

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates.

Information about the sensitivity of the fair values of the Authority's investments to market interest rate fluctuations is provided by the following table that shows the distribution of the Authority's investment by maturity:

		Remaining
Investment Type	 Amount	Maturity Date
County investment pool Held by bond trustee:	\$ 14,738,635	12 months or less
BlackRock Treasury Trust Institutional	 502,861	12 months or less
Total investments	\$ 15,241,496	

C. <u>Disclosures Related to Credit Risk</u>

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Presented below is the minimum rating required by (where applicable) the California Government Code, the Authority's investment policy, and the actual rating as of year-end for each investment type. The column marked "exempt from disclosure" identifies those investment types for which GASB No. 40 does not require disclosures as to credit risk.

		ĺ	Exempt from	I	Rating as of Year-End
Investment Type	Amount		Disclosure		AAAm
County investment pool Held by bond trustee:	\$ 14,738,635	\$	14,738,635	\$	-
BlackRock Treasury Trust Institutional	 502,861		<u>-</u>		502,861
Total investments	\$ 15,241,496	\$	14,738,635	\$	502,861

Custodial credit risk does not apply to a local government's indirect investment in securities through the use of mutual funds or government investment pools. The County of Madera issues a financial report that includes custodial risk disclosures for the County investment pool. The report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector, 200 West 4th Street #2300, Madera, California 93637.

D. Concentration of Credit Risk

The investment policy of the Authority contains no limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer, with the exception to Banker's Acceptances, which has a maximum percentage of 40%. The Authority did not have investments in any one issuer that represent 5 percent or more of total investments.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 4 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

E. <u>Investment Valuation</u>

The Authority categorizes its fair value measurements of its investments based on the hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value hierarchy, which has three levels, is based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset's fair value: Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

Fair value measurements of the Authority's investments are as follows at June 30, 2023.

- Investment in the County's pooled investments: valued at \$14,738,635. The County invests in numerous types of investments ranging all levels in the fair value hierarchy. Accordingly, the County's pool investments are not an investment type that can be categorized in any particular level in the fair value hierarchy.
- Investments held by bond trustee: valued at \$502,861, invested in BlackRock Treasury Trust Institutional, a Level 1 input.

NOTE 5 – INTERFUND BALANCES

A. <u>Due From/Due To Other Funds</u>

Interfund receivable and payable balances arise from interfund transactions and are recorded by all funds affected in the period in which transactions are executed and are expected to be paid shortly after the end of the fiscal year.

Activities within due from/due to other fund balances at June 30, 2023 are as follows:

	Due from			Due to		
Governmental Funds: General Fund	\$	_	\$	3,460,830		
Capital Projects Fund		1,526,213				
Total governmental funds		1,526,213		3,460,830		
Private-Purpose Trust Funds		1,934,617				
Total	\$	3,460,830	\$	3,460,830		

The above balances reflect the sales tax allocations at June 30, 2023.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 6 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-term liabilities activity for the year ended June 30, 2023 consist of the following:

	Balance July 1, 2022	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2023	Due within One Year
General obligation bonds: Sales Tax Revenue Bonds - Series 2010 Sales Tax Revenue Bonds Series 2010-	\$ 4,300,000	\$ -	\$ (3,715,000)	\$ 585,000	\$ 585,000
premiums, net of amortization Total general obligation bonds	153,597 4,453,597		(51,198) (3,766,198)	102,399 687,399	585,000
Direct placement: Sales Tax Revenue Bonds - Series 2009 Total direct placement	1,560,000 1,560,000		(590,000) (590,000)	970,000 970,000	635,000 635,000
Total	\$ 6,013,597	\$ -	\$ (4,356,198)	\$ 1,657,399	\$ 1,220,000

Payments on the Sales Tax Revenue Bonds are made by the Capital Projects Fund.

A. SERIES 2009

The series 2009 bonds were issued on October 28, 2009, with a maturity date of September 1, 2024, and an interest rate of 7.44%. Semiannual principal reductions on the bonds range from \$80,000 to \$335,000. The bonds are secured by sales tax revenues. There is a provision in the bonds whereby in the event of default the lender may declare the entire unpaid principal and interest immediately due and payable.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity of the series 2009 bonds are as follows:

Fiscal Years Ending June 30	F	Principal	Interest	Total
2024 2025	\$	635,000 335,000	\$ 60,636 12,462	\$ 695,636 347,462
Total	\$	970,000	\$ 73,098	\$ 1,043,098

B. <u>SERIES 2010</u>

The series 2010 bonds were issued on June 29, 2010, with an initial maturity date of March 1, 2025, and an interest rate between 2.00-4.00%. The Authority made additional principal and interest payments during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, revising the maturity date to March 1, 2024. Annual principal reductions on the bonds range from \$630,000 to \$1,505,000. The bonds are secured by sales tax revenues. There is a provision in the bonds whereby in the event of default the lender may declare the entire unpaid principal and interest immediately due and payable.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity of the series 2010 bonds are as follows:

Fiscal Years Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 585,000	\$ 29,250	\$ 614,250
Total	\$ 585,000	\$ 29,250	\$ 614,250

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 7 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts: theft, damage to, and destruction of assets, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The Authority manages and finances these risks by purchasing commercial insurance for which a \$1,000 deductible applies. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the previous year, nor have settled claims exceeded the Authority's commercial insurance coverage.

NOTE 8 – COMMITMENTS

The Authority has entered into various cooperative agreements with governmental entities amounting to a total commitment of \$65,349,715. The Authority has made cumulative expenditures of \$60,755,754 on these commitments through June 30, 2023; therefore, the Authority's outstanding commitments at June 30, 2023, total \$4,593,961.

As of June 30, 2023, the Authority had the following commitments with respect to the unfinished capital projects:

		Completion
Project	Amount	Date
SR 41 Passing Lanes	\$ 988,072	12/31/23
SR 99 - Ave 12 to Ave 17 Widening (E&P, PS&E, R/W)	60,035	12/31/23
Road 200 Phase III	3,488,558	12/31/23
SR 233 Interchange Operational Improvements (Through E&P)	 57,296	12/31/23
Total	\$ 4,593,961	

NOTE 9 – CONTINGENCY

Measure T was approved by voters in November 2006. It established the Madera County Transportation Authority and authorized a ½ cent retail transaction and use tax for 20 years (between April 1, 2007 thru March 31, 2027) specifically to fund transportation projects and programs in the County. It followed Madera County's previous Measure A Program, which was approved in 1990 and expired in September 2005. Measure T has generated \$156 million in sales tax receipts through June 30, 2023, and has allowed the region to leverage additional state and federal matching funds. It is forecasted to generate a total of \$217 million by its sunset date.

Measure T failed to be renewed by voters in November 2022, earning 52.41 percent of the vote, falling short of the 2/3 majority required. The MCTA Board of Directors authorized an education outreach program to provide information about Measure T and its impact on local streets and roads, transit services, and major infrastructure through 2023. This includes information related to the consequences to the region if the Measure is not renewed.

A second attempt at a Measure T renewal is being considered for the November 2024 ballot. This effort will reflect direction given by residents and voters and will include several important differences from the 2022 effort. If not passed in November 2024, then the MCTA Board of Directors will consider next steps.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund

	-	Budgeted	Amou	unts		Var	iance with
		Original		Final	 Actual	Fin	al Budget
REVENUES							
Sales tax	\$	158,193	\$	367,290	\$ 377,719	\$	10,429
Interest revenue					 682		682
Total revenues		158,193		367,290	 378,401		11,111
EXPENDITURES Current: Public ways and facilities:							
Administration and planning		172,564		373,498	378,291		(4,793)
Total expenditures		172,564		373,498	 378,291		(4,793)
Net change in fund balances	\$	(14,371)	\$	(6,208)	110	\$	6,318
Fund balance - beginning					 17,223		
Fund balance - ending					\$ 17,333		

Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule

NOTE 1 – BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Authority adopts a legal annual operating budget for its General Fund. All budget transfers and expenditures are approved by the Board or by the Authority Administrator prior to disbursement. The legal level of budgetary control is at the account balance level. The final budget revenue and expenditure amounts represent the original budget modified by any amendments and adjustments that have occurred during the year. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end.

A budgetary comparison schedule for the General Fund is presented on page 33. Its purpose is to demonstrate compliance with the approved budget for fiscal year 2022-2023. Actual expenditures appearing on the schedule are presented using the accrual method of accounting.

NOTE 2 – EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS

As of June 30, 2023, expenditures exceeded appropriations in individual funds as follows:

	Е	xcess
Appropriations Category	Ехре	enditures
General Fund:		
Administration and planning	\$	4,793

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Fiscal Year	To	otal Sales Tax Receipts *	Changes from Previous Year
2007/08	\$	7,707,106	
2008/09		7,311,825	-5.13%
2009/10		6,118,354	-16.32%
2010/11		6,939,324	13.42%
2011/12		7,775,292	12.05%
2012/13		7,960,277	2.38%
2013/14		8,439,910	6.03%
2014/15		9,017,126	6.84%
2015/16		9,327,292	3.44%
2016/17		9,521,593	2.08%
2017/18		9,810,897	3.04%
2018/19		10,398,296	5.99%
2019/20		10,534,761	1.31%
2020/21		12,872,191	22.19%
2021/22		15,723,648	22.15%
2022/23		16,263,082	3.43%

^{*} Cash basis net of State Board of Equalization fees



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

To the Board of Directors Madera County Transportation Authority Madera, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Madera County Transportation Authority (the Authority), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 13, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

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Purpose of This Report

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

Clovis, California

February 13, 2024

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FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

None reported.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS			
Type of auditor's report issued:	Unmodified		
nternal control over financial reporting:			
Material weaknesses identified?	Yes	Х	No
Significant deficiencies identified that are			
not considered to be material weaknesses?	Yes	Χ	None Reported
Noncompliance material to financial			
statements noted?	Yes	Χ	No

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None reported.