

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization
Year Ended June 30, 2015
with Independent Auditor's Report

Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

Financial Statements

Year ended June 30, 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Members of the
Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization
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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization ("Lake-Sumter MPO") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Lake-Sumter MPO'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 that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
(Continued)

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and major fund of Lake-Sumter MPO as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and the required supplementary information, 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 an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise Lake-Sumter MPO's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis, as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, 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 expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Honorable Members of the
Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
(Concluded)

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 22, 2016 on our consideration of Lake-Sumter MPO'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 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 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 Lake-Sumter MPO's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Moore Stephens Lovelace, P.A.

MOORE STEPHENS LOVELACE, P.A.
Certified Public Accountants

Orlando, Florida
February 22, 2016

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (Lake-Sumter MPO) we offer readers of Lake-Sumter MPO's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of Lake-Sumter MPO for year ended June 30, 2015. This discussion has been prepared by management and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements, which follow this section.

Financial Highlights

- Lake-Sumter MPO's assets exceeded its liabilities at June 30, 2015 by \$24,109. This amount consists of \$7,917 net investment in capital assets and \$16,192 in unrestricted net position which may be used to meet Lake-Sumter MPO's ongoing obligations to its creditors and citizens.
- The unrestricted net position of \$16,192, results from unassigned funds available of \$80,922, less accrued compensated absences of \$64,730. The unassigned funds are primarily a result of donations and non-grant revenues and expenses.
- Lake-Sumter MPO has no outstanding debt, except for accrued compensated absences for its employees.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to Lake-Sumter MPO's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements consist of two parts: combined government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. As Lake-Sumter MPO's operations focus on one program/function, transportation, it is considered to be a special-purpose government for financial reporting purposes.

For special-purpose governments engaged in a single governmental program, the fund financial statements and the government-wide statements may be combined using a columnar format. This format reconciles individual line items of fund financial data to government-wide data in a separate column on the face of the financial statements rather than at the bottom of the statements or in an accompanying schedule as is required for general governments or those with multiple programs or functions. Lake-Sumter MPO has chosen this format for presentation of its financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements of Lake-Sumter MPO provide a broad overview of Lake-Sumter MPO's finances and report information about Lake-Sumter MPO using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies.

The Statement of Net Position presents Lake-Sumter MPO's assets less its liabilities at year-end. The difference between these assets and liabilities is reported as net position or deficit. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of Lake-Sumter MPO is improving or deteriorating.

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

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 11 and 12 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. Lake-Sumter MPO, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. Lake-Sumter MPO has only one fund, the General Fund, which is a governmental fund type.

Governmental Funds – Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, these funds 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. As a result of this difference in focus, a reconciliation is provided in the financial statements between the fund and government-wide statements.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can also be found on pages 11 and 12 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 beginning on page 13 of this report.

Other Information – In addition to the basic financial statements and notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning Lake-Sumter MPO's annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided as required supplementary information for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget. Required supplementary information can be found beginning on page 21 of this report.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, Lake-Sumter MPO's fund financial statements are converted to the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities by posting adjustments for the following:

- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, have been added to the Statement of Net Position. In addition, depreciation expense for all equipment has been included in expense and capital outlay has been removed from expense in the Statement of Activities.
- The liability for accrued compensated absences has been added to the Statement of Net Position and the related expense has been included in the Statement of Activities.

Our analysis of the government-wide financial statements of Lake-Sumter MPO begins below. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report the net position of Lake-Sumter MPO and the changes in those balances. Over time, increases or decreases in Lake-Sumter MPO's net position are one indicator of financial position. However, you will need to consider other nonfinancial factors such as changes in economic conditions, regulations and new or changed government legislation.

Lake-Sumter MPO Statement of Net Position

	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
Current and other assets	\$ 376,844	\$ 359,465
Capital assets, net	7,917	10,016
Total assets	<u>384,761</u>	<u>369,481</u>
Current liabilities	311,511	373,722
Long-term liabilities	49,141	41,586
Total liabilities	<u>360,652</u>	<u>415,308</u>
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	7,917	10,016
Unrestricted (deficit)	16,192	(55,843)
Total net position (deficit)	<u>\$ 24,109</u>	<u>\$ (45,827)</u>

Current assets of Lake-Sumter MPO primarily consist of \$343,530 due from federal agencies and the State of Florida for cost reimbursable grant expenses and \$33,314 due from local governmental units for charges for services. Current liabilities consist of \$73,930 of accounts payable, accrued wages payable of \$15,648, \$206,344 due to Lake County and \$15,589 of current compensated absences.

The unrestricted net position of \$16,192 is primarily a result of donations and non-grant revenues and expenses. Net position amounted to \$24,109 at June 30, 2015. “Net investment in capital assets” of \$7,917 is Lake-Sumter MPO’s investment in its net capital assets (original cost less accumulated depreciation).

While the statement of net position shows the financial position of net assets, the statement of activities provides answers as to the nature and source of the changes in net position during the year.

**Lake-Sumter MPO
Statement of Activities**

	Year ended June 30, 2015	Year ended June 30, 2014
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Intergovernmental revenues – operating grants	\$ 829,753	\$ 930,248
Charges for services	193,425	260,670
Miscellaneous income	8,580	10,400
Total revenues	1,031,758	1,201,318
Expenses:		
Current	959,723	1,196,542
Depreciation	2,099	1,595
Total expenses	961,822	1,198,137
Change in net position	69,936	3,181
Beginning net position (deficit)	(45,827)	(49,008)
Ending net position (deficit)	\$ 24,109	\$ (45,827)

Intergovernmental revenues of \$829,753 consist primarily of grant funds received from the federal government through the Florida Department of Transportation, and other state funds. Non-grant revenues consist of charges for services from participating local governmental units of \$37,267 for transportation planning and \$156,158 in transportation management services.

Current expenses consisted of \$542,797 in personal services, \$246,393 in professional services, \$5,500 in grants and aids, \$140,634 in other operating expenses, and \$24,399 paid to Lake County for providing administrative services.

Analysis of the Lake-Sumter MPO General Fund

Lake-Sumter MPO has one fund, the general fund, which is reported in the Fund Financial Statement column. The focus of the general fund is to provide information on near-term inflows and outflows of cash and the balance available. The Lake-Sumter MPO has an unassigned fund balance of \$80,922. Revenue from grants equals the expenses incurred. Fund balance results from donations and non-grant revenues and expenditures.

Lake-Sumter MPO Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

	Year ended June 30, 2015	Year ended June 30, 2014
Revenues:		
Intergovernmental revenue	\$ 829,753	\$ 930,248
Charges for services	193,425	260,670
Miscellaneous income	8,580	10,400
Total revenue	<u>1,031,758</u>	<u>1,201,318</u>
Expenditures:		
Personal services	539,581	546,113
Operating	411,426	639,235
Capital outlay	-	7,476
Grants and aids	5,500	8,600
Total expenditures	<u>956,507</u>	<u>1,201,424</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	75,251	(106)
Fund balance, beginning of year	5,671	5,777
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 80,922</u>	<u>\$ 5,671</u>

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The difference between the original and the final amended budget was \$331,532 and was primarily due to new grant funding.

Differences between the final amended budget and actual results are included on page 21 of the accompanying financial statements. Operating expenditures were \$540,096 less than budgeted, due to projects not being completed in 2015. Intergovernmental revenues were \$507,076 less than budgeted due to grant funding that was budgeted and not earned.

Capital Assets and Long-Term Debt

Capital Assets

As of June 30, 2015, Lake-Sumter MPO had \$7,917 net investment in capital assets, as reflected in the table below:

Lake-Sumter MPO Capital Assets

	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
Equipment	\$ 34,381	\$ 29,890
Accumulated depreciation	(26,464)	(19,874)
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 7,917</u>	<u>\$ 10,016</u>

Capital assets consist of equipment used by the organization in its daily operations. The MPO operates from leased facilities.

For more detailed information regarding the Lake-Sumter MPO's capital assets, please refer to Note 4 to the financial statements.

Long-Term Debt – Compensated Absences

Lake-Sumter MPO's full-time employees accumulate annual and sick leave based upon length of employment. Upon termination of employment, employees can receive a payment into a deferred compensation plan or as a lump-sum cash distribution for annual leave, up to a maximum of 300 hours. An employee may elect to receive the value of any sick leave, up to a maximum of 50%, to be paid into a post-employment health plan, a deferred compensation plan or as a lump-sum cash distribution. The cost of accumulated annual and sick leave, including fringe benefits is accrued only to the extent that the leave will result in cash payments at termination. At June 30, 2015, the Lake-Sumter MPO had \$64,730 in accrued compensated absences, of which \$15,589 is considered to be due in the next fiscal year.

For more detailed information regarding the Lake-Sumter MPO's long-term debt-compensated absences, please refer to Notes 1 and 5 to the financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates

- The average unemployment rate for Lake County is 5.4%. This is compared to 5.5% for the state and 5.3% for the nation.
- Inflation nationally, as indicated by the consumer price index, is .1% higher than the prior year.

All of these factors were considered in preparing Lake-Sumter MPO's budget for the 2015-2016 year. Lake-Sumter MPO's Board adopted the 2016 budget of \$992,026 at its June 10, 2015 meeting.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Lake-Sumter MPO's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Office of the Clerk of Courts, 315 West Main Street, Post Office Box 7800, Tavares, Florida, 32778, or by calling (352)-343-9808.

Basic Financial Statements

Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

Governmental Fund Balance Sheet –
Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2015

	General Fund	Adjustments (Note 2)	Statement of Net Position
Assets			
Current assets:			
Due from federal agencies	\$ 323,643	\$ –	\$ 323,643
Due from state agencies	19,887	–	19,887
Due from other agencies	33,314	–	33,314
Noncurrent assets:			
Capital assets, net	–	7,917	7,917
Total assets	<u>\$ 376,844</u>	<u>\$ 7,917</u>	<u>\$ 384,761</u>
Liabilities and fund balances – Net position			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 73,930	\$ –	\$ 73,930
Due to Lake County	206,344	–	206,344
Accrued liabilities	15,648	–	15,648
Compensated absences, current	–	15,589	15,589
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Compensated absences	–	49,141	49,141
Total liabilities	<u>295,922</u>	<u>64,730</u>	<u>360,652</u>
Fund balances – Net position:			
Fund balances:			
Unassigned	80,922	(80,922)	
Total fund balances	<u>80,922</u>	<u>(80,922)</u>	
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 376,844</u>		
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets		7,917	7,917
Unrestricted		16,192	16,192
Total net position		<u>\$ 24,109</u>	<u>\$ 24,109</u>

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

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Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances – Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2015

	General Fund	Adjustments (Note 2)	Statement of Activities
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental revenue – operating grants	\$ 829,753	\$ –	\$ 829,753
Charges for services	193,425	–	193,425
Miscellaneous income	8,580	–	8,580
Total revenue	1,031,758	–	1,031,758
Transportation expenditures:			
Personal services	539,581	3,216	542,797
Operating	387,027	–	387,027
Grants and aids	5,500	–	5,500
Depreciation expense	–	2,099	2,099
Administrative fee	24,399	–	24,399
Total expenditures – expenses	956,507	5,315	961,822
Excess of revenues over expenditures/change in net position	75,251	(5,315)	69,936
Fund balances – Net position (deficit), beginning of year	5,671	(51,498)	(45,827)
Fund balances – Net position, end of year	\$ 80,922	\$ (56,813)	\$ 24,109

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

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Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended June 30, 2015

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

The Lake-Sumter MPO is a voluntary association of local governmental units organized under the authority of Section 339.175, Florida Statutes, in accordance with the 1962 Federal Aid Highway Act. The primary purpose of the organization is to coordinate a comprehensive transportation planning process in the urbanized areas of Lake and Sumter counties. The member governments entered into an interlocal agreement effective February 18, 2004, to establish the Lake-Sumter MPO and its operating procedures. The governing board (Board) consists of sixteen voting representatives, ten nonvoting representatives and three ex-officio non-voting positions. All voting representatives are elected officials from local governments including the cities of Clermont, Eustis, Lady Lake, Leesburg, Minneola, Mount Dora, and Tavares; five members from the Lake County Board of County Commissioners and two members from the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners. The Board approves the annual budget. Employees of the Lake-Sumter MPO are employees of the Lake County Board of County Commissioners (County) and are entitled to the same benefits as county employees. Lake County receives an administrative fee for providing services to the Lake-Sumter MPO.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in conformity with reporting guidelines established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and were prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The following types of financial statements are reported by the Lake-Sumter MPO:

Government-wide Financial Statements – The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of changes in net position (statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the Lake-Sumter MPO. Governments typically report activities as either *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues or *Business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The Lake-Sumter MPO reports only governmental activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Since the Lake-Sumter MPO's primary mission (function) is transportation, all revenues and expenses are considered to be for this purpose and the accompanying financial statements do not segregate beyond this function.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Because the Lake-Sumter MPO has only governmental activities and only one function, it is considered to be a special-purpose government for financial reporting purposes under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As such, the government-wide financial statements are presented together with the governmental fund financial statements, described below, with an adjustment column presented to reconcile the two sets of statements.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements – The Lake-Sumter MPO has one governmental fund type, which is the General Fund. The General Fund is the primary operating fund used to account for all resources and operations. Governmental funds are accounted for on a “spending” or “financial flow” measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Government-wide Financial Statements – The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements – The General Fund is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual; that is, when they are measurable and available. Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Lake-Sumter MPO generally considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 90 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are generally recorded when the related liability is incurred. Revenues primarily consist of grant funds and charges for transportation planning and concurrency management services, which management has determined to be susceptible to accrual.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Lake-Sumter MPO adopts an annual budget. The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting and on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Budget amendments are defined as major object code changes which either increase or decrease the total budget. Major object codes are personal services, operating expenses, and capital outlay. Budget amendments must be approved by the Board. Expenditures may not exceed appropriations at the major object code level. A legally adopted budget is prepared for the General Fund.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, primarily equipment, are recorded as capital outlay expenditures in the General Fund at the time goods are received and a liability is incurred. These assets are then capitalized at cost in the statement of net assets. Donated capital assets are recorded in the statement of net assets at fair value at the time received. The capitalization threshold set by the Lake-Sumter MPO is \$1,000. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over six years for computers, and ten years for furniture and other equipment. Depreciation expense is recorded in the statement of activities.

Lake-Sumter MPO operates from leased facilities under a cancelable operating lease. Rent expense was \$54,436.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Compensated Absences

All full-time and certain part-time employees are granted annual and sick leave based upon length of employment. Annual leave can be accumulated; however, carryover limitations range from 200 to 300 hours, depending on length of employment. Upon termination of employment, the employee can receive a payment into a deferred compensation plan or as a lump-sum cash distribution, based upon the employee's current wage rate and the annual leave not taken. Sick leave is accumulated at the rate of one day per month of each full month of continuous employment. There is no limit on the amount of sick leave that can be accumulated. The MPO's policy permits the payment of accrued sick upon termination, retirement, or death, at 25-50%, based on the length of employment, into a post-employment health plan, a deferred compensation plan or as a lump-sum cash distribution (see Note 7).

The Lake-Sumter MPO records accumulated leave and the related fringe benefits at year-end based on each employee's unused hours and rate of pay in the government-wide financial statements as current and long-term, respectively.

Fund Balance – Net Position

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. Net investment in capital assets represents that portion of net position that is associated with capital assets and is, therefore, not available for general operations.

2. Reconciliation Between the Fund Statements and the Government-Wide Statements

The following is a reconciliation between the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position at June 30, 2015:

Fund balances	\$ 80,922
Add capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation as they are not financial resources and are therefore not reported in the funds	7,917
Less compensated absences, not available for current use as they are not due and payable in the current period and are therefore not reported as liabilities in the funds	(64,730)
Net position	<u>\$ 24,109</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Reconciliation Between the Fund Statements and the Government-Wide Statements (continued)

The following is a reconciliation between the Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances and the Statement of Activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015:

Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 75,251
Less current year depreciation on capital assets as the Governmental Fund Statements record an expenditure at the time of purchase	(2,099)
Less net change in compensated absences	<u>(3,216)</u>
Change in net position	<u><u>\$ 69,936</u></u>

3. Deposits and Investments

Lake-Sumter MPO participates in the pooled cash and investments fund of Lake County. Since the organization's funding is primarily from grants which are cost reimbursable, funds are advanced to Lake-Sumter MPO as needed to pay expenses. At June 30, 2015, Lake-Sumter MPO had a deficit in pooled cash of \$206,344. This amount is presented as Due to Lake County in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet – Statement of Net Position.

County funds are placed in various types of investments including interest bearing time deposits, direct obligations of the U.S. Government, and obligations of certain government-supported enterprises. Interest earned from investments in pooled cash is allocated to each of the participating funds of the County and Lake-Sumter MPO based on the fund's average daily equity balance. The County's financial statements contain full disclosure regarding the County's deposits and investments.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

4. Capital Assets

A summary of the changes in capital assets follows:

	Balance July 1, 2014	Additions & Transfers	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2015
Equipment	\$ 29,890	\$ 4,491	\$	\$ 34,381
Less accumulated depreciation	(19,874)	(6,590)		(26,464)
Capital assets, net	\$ 10,016	\$ (2,099)	\$ –	\$ 7,917

5. Compensated Absences

The current and long-term portions of compensated absences at June 30, 2015 were \$15,589 and \$49,141, respectively. A summary of changes in compensated absences follows:

Balance at July 1, 2014	\$ 61,514
Additions	30,227
Payments	(27,011)
Balance at June 30, 2015	\$ 64,730

6. Employees' Retirement Plan

Florida Retirement System

Substantially all of the Lake-Sumter MPO's full-time employees participate in the State of Florida Retirement System (System), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, public employee retirement system (PERS) administered by the State of Florida, Department of Administration, Division of Retirement. The System offers a choice between a defined benefit plan (Pension Plan) and a defined contribution plan (Investment Plan).

The Pension Plan provides for vesting of benefits after six to eight years of creditable service. Normal retirement benefits are available to employees who retire at or after age 62 to 65 with six to eight years or more of service. Early retirement is available after six to eight years of service with a 5% reduction of benefits for each year prior to the normal retirement age. Retirement benefits are based upon age, average compensation, and years of service credit, where average

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

6. Employees' Retirement Plan (continued)

compensation is computed based on an individual's five to eight highest years of earnings. Benefits also include a post-retirement health insurance subsidy as well as disability and survivor's benefits, as established by Florida Statutes.

The Investment Plan provides for vesting after one year of creditable service. Under this plan, the employer makes contributions to a participant's account and the participant directs where the contributions are invested among the plan's investment funds. Upon termination, vested participants receive amounts accumulated in their investment accounts.

Participating employer contributions are based upon actuarially determined statewide rates established by the State of Florida, that are expressed as percentages of annual covered payroll, and are adequate to accumulate sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. The rates applied to employee salaries for regular members and senior management were 6.95% and 18.31% for 2014, and 7.37% and 21.14% for the 2015 year. The Lake-Sumter MPO's contributions to the plan for the years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$42,088, \$38,973 and \$22,854, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year. There were no employee contributions to the plan prior to July 1, 2011; contribution rates of 3% were applied to all employee salaries. Employee contributions were \$11,907, \$12,242 and \$12,195 for the years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 respectively.

Employees of the Lake-Sumter MPO are employees of the County and are entitled to the same benefits as County employees, including participation in the System. Effective October 1, 2014, the County implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. A liability, if any, related to the System retirement benefits will be recorded in the financial statements of Lake County, Florida, for the year ended September 30, 2015.

The Florida Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan. That report may be obtained by writing to the Division of Retirement, 2639 North Monroe Street, Building C, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1560, or by calling (850) 488-5541.

7. Other Benefits

A. Post-Employment Health Plan

The Lake-Sumter MPO provides post-employment health care benefits under a County plan established through Nationwide Retirement Solutions, Inc. (Nationwide). Twenty-five percent of accrued sick pay for certain employees with less than 10 years of service, and 50% for certain employees with 10 years or more of service, is paid into the trust upon termination, retirement, or death if elected by the employee. The maximum contribution is limited to 960 hours (50% of 1,920 accumulated sick hours). Contributions are invested according to instructions given by the employee and earnings accumulate tax exempt under Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code. Upon separation of service, the account must be used to reimburse any qualified health insurance premiums paid by the employee.

B. Retiree Health Coverage

Employees of the Lake-Sumter MPO are employees of the County and are entitled to the same health benefits as County employees. Effective October 1, 2007, the County implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. A liability, if any, related to these benefits is reported in the financial statements of Lake County, Florida. For a detailed plan description, see the Lake County, Florida, CAFR for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014.

8. Risk Management

Lake-Sumter MPO is exposed to various risks related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Lake-Sumter MPO is covered for general liability, automobile, workers' compensation, property and health liabilities under Lake County's self-insured fund; amounts paid to Lake County for coverage during the year ended June 30, 2015 were \$52,033. No settlements in excess of claims have been incurred during the current or prior period.

9. Contingencies

Various lawsuits and claims arise in the ordinary course of Lake-Sumter MPO's operations. When lawsuits arise, management will evaluate the financial impact, if any, to Lake-Sumter MPO's financial statements. Currently, management is not aware of any lawsuits that would impact Lake-Sumter MPO's financial statements.

Lake-Sumter MPO participates in certain grant programs. These programs are subject to program compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. These audits could result in a liability for reimbursement if expenditures were disallowed by the grantor. Currently, management has not been informed of any such audits.

Required Supplementary Information

Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances –
Budget and Actual – General Fund

Year ended June 30, 2015

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental revenue – operating grants	\$1,015,768	\$1,336,829	\$ 829,753	\$ (507,076)
Charges for services	187,408	192,208	193,425	1,217
Miscellaneous income	8,500	8,500	8,580	80
Total revenues	1,211,676	1,537,537	1,031,758	(505,779)
Expenditures:				
Personal services	550,962	560,461	539,581	20,880
Operating	605,090	927,123	387,027	540,096
Grants and aids	5,500	5,500	5,500	–
Administrative fee	25,620	25,620	24,399	1,221
Total expenditures	1,187,172	1,518,704	956,507	562,197
Excess of revenues over expenditures	24,504	18,833	75,251	56,418
Other financing uses:				
Reserve for contingencies	(24,504)	(24,504)	–	24,504
Total other financing uses	(24,504)	(24,504)	–	24,504
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	–	(5,671)	75,251	80,922
Fund balance, beginning of year	–	5,671	5,671	–
Fund balance, end of year	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 80,922	\$ 80,922

See note to required supplementary information.

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Note to Required Supplementary Information

Year ended June 30, 2015

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Budgetary Process

The Board adopts an annual budget for the Lake-Sumter MPO. The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting and on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Budget amendments are defined as major object code changes which either increase or decrease the total budget. Budget amendments must be approved by the Board. Expenditures may not exceed appropriations at the major object code level. A legally adopted budget is prepared for the General Fund.

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2015

<u>Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>CFDA</u>	<u>Pass-Through / State Contract Number</u>	<u>Amount of Expenditures</u>
Department of Transportation			
Indirect:			
Florida Department of Transportation			
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	417957-1-14-90 ANK65	\$ 650,563
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	430975-1-28-01 AQR95	79,900
			<u>730,463</u>
Federal Transit Metropolitan Planning Grants	20.505	422441-1-14-23 AQF21	30,550
Federal Transit Metropolitan Planning Grants	20.505	422441-1-14-24 AQF21	22,490
			<u>53,040</u>
			<u>783,503</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 783,503</u>

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

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Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2015

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

General

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards has been prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The modified accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues when they become measurable and available as net current assets and expenditures when related fund liability is incurred.

2. Contingency

The grant revenue amounts received are subject to audit and adjustment. If any expenditures are disallowed by the grantor agencies as a result of such an audit, any claim for reimbursement to the grantor agencies would become a liability of the organization.

Other Reports



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR
EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133**

Honorable Members of the
Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization
Leesburg, Florida

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the compliance of Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization ("Lake-Sumter MPO") with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") Circular A-133 *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2015. Lake-Sumter MPO'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 the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for Lake-Sumter MPO'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 OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 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 Lake-Sumter MPO's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that 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 Lake-Sumter MPO's compliance.

Basis for Qualified Opinion on the Major Federal Program

As described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, Lake-Sumter MPO did not comply with requirements regarding CFDA 20.205 Highway Planning and Construction, as described in finding number 2015-001 for Allowable Costs. Compliance with this requirement is necessary, in our opinion, for Lake-Sumter MPO to comply with the requirements applicable to that program.

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Qualified Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, Lake-Sumter MPO complied, in all material respects, with the types of requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Other Matters

Lake-Sumter MPO's response to the noncompliance finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Lake-Sumter MPO's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of Lake-Sumter MPO 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 Lake-Sumter MPO'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 its major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Lake-Sumter MPO's internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a deficiency in internal control over compliance, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2015-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

Lake-Sumter MPO's response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Lake-Sumter MPO's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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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 OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Moore Stephens Lovelace, P.A.

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Certified Public Accountants

Orlando, Florida
February 22, 2016

Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of Auditor's Report Issued:

Unmodified Opinion

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified?
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified?

Yes No
 Yes None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

Yes No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified?
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified?

Yes No
 Yes None reported

Type of report issued on compliance for major federal program:

Qualified Opinion

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of Circular A-133?

Yes No

Identification of Major Program:

CFDA Number(s)

Name of Federal Program or Cluster

20.205

Highway Planning and Construction

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:

\$300,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

Yes No

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

No matters are reported.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (*Continued*)

For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Federal Finding 2015-001 – Documentation of Time and Effort

Federal Agency: United States Department of Transportation

Pass-Through Entity: Florida Department of Transportation

Program: Highway Planning and Construction (CFDA No. 20.205)

Finding Type: Noncompliance and Material Weakness

Criteria – Allowable Costs

United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-87 requires that charges to federal awards for salaries and wages be based on payrolls documented in accordance with generally accepted practices of the governmental unit and approved by a responsible official of the government unit. Where employees are expected to work on multiple cost activities or cost objectives, a distribution of their salaries or wages will be supported by personnel activity reports or equivalent documentation. These reports must reflect an after-the-fact distribution of the actual activity of each employee, cover the total activity for which the employee is compensated, be prepared at least monthly, and be signed by the employee.

Condition Found

During the current year audit, it came to our attention that MPO staff was working on multiple programs. In prior years, it was understood that employees worked on only one project. Lake-Sumter MPO reported total Highway Planning and Construction program expenditures of \$730,463, of which salary and benefits totaled \$355,757 for six employees. Our testing disclosed that the program funded the salaries and benefits of Lake-Sumter MPO employees but that the employees did not maintain appropriate records, such as personnel activity reports, to evidence the actual time devoted to program activities.

Questioned Costs

\$355,757

Context

Historically, Lake-Sumter MPO employees have submitted biweekly timesheets signed by the employee and their supervisor in accordance with Lake County's payroll policies. In addition, Lake-Sumter MPO employee responsibilities are assigned by the MPO Director based on the task orders of the Uniform Planning Work Program which is primarily funded by program funds. The Director is responsible for and signed reimbursement submissions to the Florida Department of Transportation. These submissions included payroll transaction amounts which the Director approved. The Director is responsible for the allocation of employee's time to the program and had direct knowledge of what UPWP task each employee was assigned to and responsible to complete. Subsequent to our inquiry in December 2015, all active employees who worked for Lake-Sumter MPO in fiscal year 2015 signed confirmations to evidence that the salaries and benefits charged to the program would have approximated \$280,000, or 79%, of the actual \$355,757 charged to the program.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (*Continued*)

For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (*Continued*)

Cause

As the activities of Lake-Sumter MPO began to expand, management did not implement a time reporting system which would track employee activities to specific program(s) worked on. Management indicated that this type of reporting system was not implemented because they were unfamiliar with the record-keeping requirement and lacked the resources to purchase and train staff on its implementation.

Effect

When federally-funded employees do not delineate their job responsibilities and work activities by properly maintaining required personnel activity reports, there is an increased risk that personnel costs may be inappropriately charged to a federal program.

Recommendation

Lake-Sumter MPO should enhance its procedures to ensure that required personnel activity reports are maintained to support federal salaries and benefits charges.

Management's Response

Management concurs with the recommendation that the MPO should enhance procedures to ensure that required personnel activity reports are maintained to support federal salaries and benefits charged. On January 4, 2016, management implemented a new tracking system for staff to report the amount of time charged to various tasks. This followed a process of reviewing other MPOs' methods of tracking task time. Through this process, management is confident that proper documentation of time and effort will be accomplished to support the salaries and benefits charged to federal and state grants. This process will also ensure that time spent on non-grant-based activities will be properly charged to the non-grant funds.

Management is confident that the staff time reported for reimbursement through grant funds was for time expended to accomplish activities and tasks prescribed in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Any non-UPWP activities performed by staff members funded through grant funds would have been extremely nominal. Management never intentionally authorized non-UPWP activity time to be charged to grants. Personnel costs are structured in order to create the staff capacity to accomplish the tasks of the UPWP. The implementation of the new time-tracking process will greatly reduce any risk of inappropriate charges to grant programs. The expanded activities in question are a result of management's civic entrepreneurialism of creating minor revenue streams from the following four activities: (1) the TMS, (2) the provision of specialized GIS services per interlocal agreements, (3) the provision of pavement management services per interlocal agreements, and (4) surplus revenues derived from annual awards dinner sponsorships.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (*Continued*)

For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (*Continued*)

Management's Response (Continued)

The structure of the funding of the MPO's staffing has been such that specific positions are funded based on specific funding sources. Of the seven staff positions, five positions are fully-funded through grant funds: the Federal Highway Administration grant, the Federal Transit Administration grant or the two Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged grants. One position, a Transportation Planner position, is funded fully from revenues derived from member local governments' contributions to the MPO's Transportation Management System (TMS), which includes activities that are both grant-eligible and activities that are more appropriately funded through the local contributions. One position, the Geographic Information System (GIS) Manager, is funded through a blending of grant funds, TMS funds, and from a funding account that includes revenues derived from the invoicing of some local governments for specialized GIS services per interlocal agreement.

The TMS includes data and services provided to member local governments. Although the MPO's two-county traffic counts program is under the TMS, the task of performing traffic counts is grant-eligible and the task of collecting traffic counts data and administering the TMS data is included in the UPWP in order to allow some grant funds to be expended toward TMS. The service of reviewing traffic studies on behalf of local governments has been an activity that has been typically charged to the TMS local funds.

Other activities performed by staff that have been questioned in terms of grant eligibility include GIS services per interlocal agreement, pavement management services per interlocal agreement, and planning and executing the annual awards dinner. The total revenues as a result of all three activities are nominal, typically less than \$10,000 per year. GIS services are invoiced on an hourly basis. Management is implementing a procedure to ensure that funds collected through the invoicing for GIS services will be paid toward the salary and benefits of the GIS Manager rather than through a percentage-of-salary basis. Administrative fees in the amount of five percent of the contract amount have been charged for pavement management services. The amount of the fees collected for pavement management will be paid toward the salary and benefits of the staff managing the pavement management contracts. Surplus revenues from the annual awards dinner will be utilized to cover staff time for planning and executing the annual awards dinner. The new process of tracking staff time toward each activity will greatly reduce the risk of non-UPWP activities being charged to grants.



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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***

Honorable Members of the
Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization
Leesburg, Florida

We have 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization ("Lake-Sumter MPO") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Lake-Sumter MPO's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 22, 2016.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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 over financial reporting 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 may exist that have not been identified.

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Compliance and Other Matters

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

We noted certain other matters that we reported to Lake-Sumter MPO management in a separate letter dated February 22, 2016.

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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Moore Stephens Lovelace, P.A.".

MOORE STEPHENS LOVELACE, P.A.
Certified Public Accountants

Orlando, Florida
February 22, 2016



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTER

Honorable Members of the
Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization
Leesburg, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization ("Lake-Sumter MPO") as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated February 22, 2016.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit 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; OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*; and Chapter 10.650, *Rules of the Auditor General*.

Other Reports and Schedule

We have issued our 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*; Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by OMB Circular A-133; and Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated February 22, 2016, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Other Matter

Section 10.654(1)(e), *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements or state project amounts that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. Current year findings and recommendations are listed in Appendix A.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, federal and other granting agencies, the members of Lake-Sumter MPO, and applicable management, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Moore Stephens Lovelace, P.A.

MOORE STEPHENS LOVELACE, P.A.
Certified Public Accountants

Orlando, Florida
February 22, 2016

APPENDIX A
LAKE-SUMTER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Current Year Findings and Recommendations
June 30, 2015

MLC 2015-001 – PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Observation

During our current year audit, we noted that Lake-Sumter MPO spent \$1,915 on promotional activities, \$1,625 of which was charged to grant funds. These expenditures consisted of chamber of commerce luncheons and sponsorships, as well as promotional supplies.

Criteria

While one of the approved tasks of the Lake-Sumter’s Uniform Planning Work Program is public involvement, it is important that the promotional expenditures of the MPO have a public participation component and for grant purposes do not fall in the category of advertising.

Recommendation

We recommend that Lake-Sumter MPO consider obtaining specific approval from FDOT for its promotional activity expenditures. Any activities deemed by FDOT to not meet program requirements should be discontinued going forward.

Management Response

Management concurs with the recommendation to obtain specific approval from the Florida Department of Transportation for promotional activity expenditures. Although the intent behind the expenditures was to further public involvement efforts, management concurs that prior approval from the FDOT would effectively reduce the risk of charging to the grant any funding activities that might be deemed as advertising. If the MPO Governing Board desires certain activities to occur that are not eligible for grant reimbursement, the board could explore the creation of a general fund for discretionary expenditures. Such a new fund would be created through local dollars.

MLC 2015-002 – UPWP PROGRESS REPORTS

Observation

During our current year audit, we noted that Lake-Sumter MPO submitted quarterly progress reports to FDOT that allocated actual grant expenditures to UPWP tasks on a pro-rated basis instead of reporting actual costs charged to each task number. The MPO Director informed us that this practice had been ongoing for several years and had been allowed by FDOT representatives.

Criteria

The joint participation agreement between FDOT and Lake-Sumter MPO includes requirements for Lake-Sumter MPO to submit data pertaining to its progress on UPWP tasks. The form prescribed by FDOT indicates that Lake-Sumter MPO should report actual costs charged to each task number, not a pro-rated amount.

Recommendation

We recommend that Lake-Sumter MPO track actual costs to each UPWP task and submit those costs to FDOT on a quarterly basis, along with the reimbursement request.

APPENDIX A
LAKE-SUMTER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Current Year Findings and Recommendations (*Concluded*)
June 30, 2015

MLC 2015-002 – UPWP PROGRESS REPORTS (*Continued*)

Management Response

Management concurs with the recommendation to track actual costs to each task in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and to submit those costs to the FDOT as part of the reimbursement request. Management is in the process of implementing significant changes to the structure of the UPWP and to the process through which reimbursements are requested through the FDOT. The timing of this recommendation coincides with the changes that the FDOT is implementing for all of the State of Florida's 27 MPOs regarding UPWPs, invoicing, and the agreements between MPOs and the FDOT for planning funds. The new UPWP structure will include each major task being accompanied by a budget summary statement that will detail the estimated costs for accomplishing each major task. The new progress reporting method will report actual costs assigned to each task. For example, personnel costs for grant-funded positions and operational costs will be reported under the task Administration.

The process through which the MPO has filed progress reports for reimbursements was implemented in 2004 prior to the hiring of the executive director. Management has followed the pro-rated approach of assigning estimated percentages to each task when submitting quarterly reimbursement requests. The pro-rated approach was accepted by the FDOT as the total reimbursement amounts were accurate and the prescribed tasks were being accomplished. With the FDOT implementing statewide changes to the process effective July 1, 2016, management is confident that the recommendation can be fully implemented effective July 1, 2016, for FY 2016/17. Meanwhile, management will endeavor to implement the recommendation to the greatest extent feasible during the remainder of FY 2015/16.

MLC 2015-003 – OPERATIONAL AUDIT

Observation

During our current year audit, we noted that the Lake County Office of Inspector General (IG) began an operational audit of Lake-Sumter MPO. At the time of our audit completion, the IG's report had not yet been finalized.

Criteria

Operational audits can provide valuable recommendations that can improve Lake-Sumter MPO's efficiency and effectiveness in accomplishing its core mission.

Recommendation

We recommend that Lake-Sumter MPO carefully consider the IG's findings and recommendations once the IG's report is issued.

Management Response

Management concurs with the recommendation that the MPO carefully consider the findings and recommendations of the forthcoming operational audit report from the Lake County Office of the Inspector General. Management fully intends to implement the IG's recommendations that fall under the purview of management. Additionally, management will follow the direction of the MPO Executive Committee and the Governing Board on the implementation of the IG recommendations that require policy action. Corrective action will be implemented to the greatest degree feasible based on the financial and staffing resources of the MPO.