

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Year Ended June 30, 2025  
with Independent Auditor's Report

# Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

## Financial Statements

Year ended June 30, 2025

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# Financial Section

## Independent Auditor's Report

Board Members  
Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Leesburg, Florida

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### ***Opinions***

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (the "Organization") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Organization's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Organization, as of June 30, 2025, 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 (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). 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 Organization, 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 Organization's ability to continue as a going concern for 12 months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### ***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 GAAS 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 GAAS 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 Organization'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 Organization'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 schedule 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 GAAS, 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 Organization's basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 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 GAAS. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 13, 2026 on our consideration of the Organization'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 Organization'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 Organization's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

**Forvis Mazars, LLP**

**Orlando, Florida  
February 13, 2026**

## 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, 2025. This discussion has been prepared by management and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements that follow this section.

### Financial Highlights

- Lake-Sumter MPO's assets exceeded its liabilities on June 30, 2025 by \$7,505. This amount consists of \$8,730 net investment in capital assets and \$(1,225) in unrestricted deficit net position.
- The capital assets increased by \$46,578 to \$183,000 from an extension of the office lease through May 2030.

### 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 and amortization, have been added to the Statement of Net Position. In addition, depreciation and amortization expense for all equipment and leases has been included in expense, and capital outlay has been removed from expense.
- The liabilities for accrued compensated absences and leases have been added to the Statement of Net Position and the related expenses have been included in or removed from 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

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Current and Other Assets	\$ 352,657	\$ 652,831
Capital Assets, Net	183,000	136,422
Total Assets	<u>535,657</u>	<u>789,253</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current and Other Liabilities	331,214	629,853
Long Term Liabilities	196,938	155,282
Total Liabilities	<u>528,152</u>	<u>785,135</u>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	8,730	3,923
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(1,225)	195
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 7,505</u>	<u>\$ 4,118</u>

Current assets of Lake-Sumter MPO consist of \$348,562 due from federal agencies and the State of Florida for cost reimbursable grant expenses and prepaid expenses of \$4,095. This was a decrease of \$300,174 from the prior year due to less activity in grant-related consulting projects.

Current liabilities consist of \$98,853 of accounts payable for grant expenses incurred as of yearend, accrued wages payable of \$14,213, \$170,746 due to Lake County for cash utilization (See Note 3), \$31,313 of current leases liability to be paid within one year and \$16,089 of current compensated absences expected to be paid within one year.

The unrestricted deficit net position of \$(1,225) is a result of increased net investment in capital assets primarily due to modification of the building lease. Total net position amounted to \$7,505 at June 30, 2025. "Net investment in capital assets" of \$8,730 is Lake-Sumter MPO's investment in its net capital assets less related lease debt.

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**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Revenues:		
Program Revenues		
Intergovernmental Revenues - Operating Grants	\$ 947,992	\$ 1,175,915
Total Revenues	947,992	1,175,915
Expenses:		
Current	910,176	1,127,272
Depreciation / Amortization	34,429	34,037
Total Expenses	944,605	1,161,309
Change in Net Position	3,387	14,606
Net Position - Beginning	4,118	(10,488)
Net Position - Ending	\$ 7,505	\$ 4,118

Intergovernmental revenues of \$947,992 consist primarily of grant funds received from the federal government through the Florida Department of Transportation, and other state and local funds.

Current expenses consist primarily of \$365,639 in personal services, \$504,858 in professional services, \$5,000 in grants and aids, \$2,524 in other operating expenses, and \$29,986 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 \$64,750 and nonspendable – prepaids fund balance of \$4,095. Generally, revenue from grants equals the allowable expenditures incurred. Fund balance results from donations and non-grant revenues in excess of expenditures.

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

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Revenues:		
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 947,992	\$ 1,175,915
Total Revenue	947,992	1,175,915
Expenditures:		
Personal Services	359,137	323,547
Operating	543,515	786,919
Debt Service	35,258	34,261
Capital Outlay	-	3,998
Grants and Aids	5,000	5,000
Total Expenditures	942,910	1,153,725
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	5,082	22,190
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	63,763	41,573
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 68,845	\$ 63,763

The General Fund intergovernmental revenues decreased from the prior year by \$227,923 with a corresponding decrease in operating expenditures of \$243,404. This resulted from less federal grant funds for professional services to carry out those grant-reimbursed tasks. Additionally, \$35,258 in debt service expenditures were reported in the current year for payment of the office lease.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The original expenditure budget was increased by \$212,742 to the final amended expenditure budget of \$1,330,676 for additional carryforward grant funding.

Differences between the final amended budget and actual results are included on page 21 of the accompanying financial statements. Expenditures were \$387,766 less than budgeted due to projects not being completed in 2025. Intergovernmental revenues were \$341,111 less than budgeted due primarily to grant funding that was budgeted for projects that were not completed.

## Capital Assets and Long-Term Debt - Lease

### *Capital Assets*

As of June 30, 2025, Lake-Sumter MPO had \$183,000 net capital assets, as reflected in the table below:

#### Lake-Sumter MPO Capital Assets

	<u>FY25</u>	<u>FY24</u>
Equipment	\$ 34,290	\$ 34,290
Right to Use Leased Buildings	302,928	221,921
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(25,597)	(23,534)
Less Accumulated Amortization	<u>(128,621)</u>	<u>(96,255)</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 183,000</u>	<u>\$ 136,422</u>

Capital assets consist of purchased equipment and leased buildings used by the organization in its daily operations. For more detailed information regarding the Lake-Sumter MPO's capital assets, please refer to Notes 1 and 4 to the financial statements.

### *Long-Term Debt – Lease*

Lake-Sumter MPO leases its office space. The leases liability is recorded to reflect that long-term contract. At June 30, 2025, the Lake-Sumter MPO had \$174,270 in leases liability, of which \$31,313 is due in the next fiscal year.

For more detailed information regarding the Lake-Sumter MPO's long-term lease debt, please refer to Notes 1 and 7 to the financial statements.

## Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates

- Inflation nationally is 2.7% higher than the prior year per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- Grant funding for the Lake Sumter MPO's priorities as outlined in the current Unified Planning Work Program remained in line with prior years.

These factors were considered in preparing Lake-Sumter MPO's budget for the 2025-2026 year. Lake-Sumter MPO's Board adopted the 2026 budget of \$2,057,849 at its June 18, 2025 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 Lake County 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, 2025

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Adjustments (Note 2)</b>	<b>Statement of Net Position</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Current Assets			
Due from Federal Agencies	\$ 317,738	\$ -	\$ 317,738
Due from State Agencies	30,824	-	30,824
Prepays	4,095	-	4,095
Noncurrent Assets:			
Capital Assets, Net	-	183,000	183,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 352,657</b>	<b>\$ 183,000</b>	<b>\$ 535,657</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances - Net Position</b>			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 98,853	\$ -	\$ 98,853
Due to Lake County	170,746	-	170,746
Accrued Liabilities	14,213	-	14,213
Compensated Absences, Current	-	16,089	16,089
Leases Liability, Current	-	31,313	31,313
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Compensated Absences	-	53,981	53,981
Leases Liability	-	142,957	142,957
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>283,812</b>	<b>244,340</b>	<b>528,152</b>
Fund Balances - Net Position:			
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable - Prepays	4,095	(4,095)	
Unassigned	64,750	(64,750)	-
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>68,845</b>	<b>(68,845)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 352,657</b>		
Net Position:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets		8,730	8,730
Unrestricted		(1,225)	(1,225)
<b>Total Net Position</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,505</b>

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

Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

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

Year ended June 30, 2025

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Adjustments (Note 2)</b>	<b>Statement of Activities</b>
Revenues			
Intergovernmental Revenue -			
Operating Grants	\$ 947,992	\$ -	\$ 947,992
Total Revenues	<u>947,992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>947,992</u>
Transportation Expenditures:			
Personal Services	359,137	6,502	365,639
Operating	513,529	(6,157)	507,372
Grants and Aids	5,000	-	5,000
Administrative Fee	29,986	-	29,986
Depreciation / Amortization Expense	-	34,429	34,429
Debt Service			
Principal	33,079	(33,079)	-
Interest	2,179	-	2,179
Total Expenditures-Expenses	<u>942,910</u>	<u>1,695</u>	<u>944,605</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under)			
Expenditures/Change in Net Position	5,082	(1,695)	3,387
Fund Balance / Net Position			
Beginning of the Year	<u>63,763</u>	<u>(59,645)</u>	<u>4,118</u>
Fund Balance / Net Position			
End of the Year	<u>\$ 68,845</u>	<u>\$ (61,340)</u>	<u>\$ 7,505</u>

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

# Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

## Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended June 30, 2025

### 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.

#### 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.

# Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

## 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, 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 the current financial resources 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 fund balance.

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 120 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, which management has determined to be susceptible to accrual.

# Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

## 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, debt service 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 position. Donated capital assets are recorded in the statement of net position at estimated acquisition cost at the time they are received. The capitalization threshold for equipment set by the Lake-Sumter MPO is \$1,000. Right-to-use leases are capitalized when the lease asset is \$5,000 or greater. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over six years for computers, and ten years for furniture and other equipment. Leases are amortized over the life of the contract. Depreciation and amortization expense is recorded in the statement of activities.

# Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Compensated Absences

The Lake-Sumter MPO recognizes a liability for compensated absences for leave time that (1) has been earned for services previously rendered by employees, (2) accumulates and is allowed to be carried over to subsequent years, and (3) is more likely than not to be used as time off or settled during or upon separation of employment. The two types of leave that qualify are vacation and sick leave. The liability for compensated absences, which includes salary-related benefits, is reported in the government-wide financial statements as current and long-term, respectively.

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 deferred compensation plan or as a lump-sum cash distribution. A liability for estimated value of vacation and sick leave that will be used by employees as time off is included in the liability for compensated absences.

#### Leases

The MPO has entered into a noncancelable lease for the right to use office building space for its daily operation. When the MPO is the lessee, the contract results in recognizing a right-to-use intangible asset that is offset by a corresponding lease liability. Lease intangible assets are reported within capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term liabilities on the government-wide financial statements.

#### Fund Balance – Net Position

Nonspendable fund balance represents resources that are not in spendable form, such as inventories or prepaid amounts. 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. Investment in capital assets represents that portion of net position that is associated with capital assets and is, therefore, not available for general operations.

# Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 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, 2025:

Fund balances	\$	68,845
Add capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization as they are not financial resources and are therefore not reported in the funds		183,000
Less compensated absences and leases liability, 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		<u>(244,340)</u>
Net Position	\$	<u>7,505</u>

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, 2025:

Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	\$	5,082
Less current year depreciation and amortization on capital assets as the Governmental Fund Statements record an expenditure at the time of purchase		(34,429)
Plus change in leases accounting for modification		6,157
Plus change in leases liability for payments made		33,079
Plus (minus) net change in compensated absences		<u>(6,502)</u>
Change in net position	\$	<u>3,387</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, 2025, Lake-Sumter MPO had a deficit in pooled cash of \$170,746, reported 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 in qualified public deposits and other investments as defined in Florida Statutes. 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.

# Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 4. Capital Assets

A summary of the changes in capital assets follows:

	Balance 7/1/24	Additions & Transfers	Deletions	Balance 6/30/25
Equipment	\$ 34,290	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,290
Right to Use Leased Buildings	221,921	81,007	-	302,928
Less accumulated depreciation	(23,534)	(2,063)	-	(25,597)
Less accumulated amortization	(96,255)	(32,366)	-	(128,621)
Capital assets, net	\$ 136,422	\$ 46,578	\$ -	\$ 183,000

A lease amendment executed during the year resulted in a modification adjustment of \$81,007.

### 5. Compensated Absences

The current and long-term portions of compensated absences at June 30, 2025 were \$16,089 and \$53,981, respectively. A summary of changes in compensated absences follows:

Balance at July 1, 2024	\$ 63,568
Change for year, Net	6,502
Balance at June 30, 2025	\$ 70,070

Lake-Sumter MPO implemented GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, in fiscal year 2025. There was no effect to the beginning balance for this change.

### 6. Employees' Retirement Plan

#### Florida Retirement System

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). Employees also participate in the Retiree Insurance Subsidy Program (HIS Plan) which is a defined benefit 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.

# Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### **6. Employees' Retirement Plan (continued)**

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 compensation is computed based on an individual's five to eight highest years of earnings. Benefits also include a 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.

The HIS Plan is established in accordance with Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. The benefit is a monthly payment to assist retirees in paying their health insurance costs. Current benefits are based on \$7.50 per year of service, ranging from \$45 - \$225 per month. To be eligible, retirees must provide proof of health insurance coverage, which may include Medicare.

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 13.63% and 34.52% for the 2025 year. The Lake-Sumter MPO's contributions to the plan for the years ended June 30, 2025, 2024, and 2023 were \$66,492, \$59,938, and \$48,427, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year. Employee contributions were \$7,118, \$6,454, and \$5,813, for the years ended June 30, 2025, 2024, and 2023 respectively. These employer rates include HIS contribution rates of 2.0%.

MPO employees receive the same benefits as Lake County employees, including participation in the System. A liability, if any, related to the System retirement benefits is recorded in the financial statements of Lake County, Florida. 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. Leases Liability**

In February 2020, the MPO entered into a five-year lease agreement with a three-year extension for the use of office space. The initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$221,921 with an interest rate of 2%. In 2025, a lease amendment was executed to extend the lease term through May 2030 with interest rate of 2.925%.

# Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 7. Leases Liability (Continued)

As of June 30, 2025, the lease liability balance is \$174,270. A lease amendment executed during the year resulted in a modification adjustment of \$74,850.

Balance at July 1, 2024	\$ 132,499
Additions	74,850
Payments	<u>(33,079)</u>
Balance at June 30, 2025	<u>\$ 174,270</u>

Future debt service payments at June 30 are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending:	Total	Principal	Interest
June 2026	\$ 35,994	\$ 31,313	\$ 4,681
June 2027	37,074	33,336	3,738
June 2028	38,186	35,451	2,735
June 2029	39,332	37,663	1,669
June 2030	<u>37,043</u>	<u>36,507</u>	<u>536</u>
	<u>\$ 187,629</u>	<u>\$ 174,270</u>	<u>\$ 13,359</u>

### 8. Related Party Agreement

As described in Note 3, Lake County acts as a financial depository for the Lake-Sumter MPO. In addition, Lake-Sumter MPO employees, including the Executive Director as permitted under his contract, receive certain benefits and administrative support services from Lake County. Lake County receives an administrative fee for providing services to the Lake-Sumter MPO.

### 9. Retiree Health Coverage

Employees of the Lake-Sumter MPO receive the same health benefits as Lake County employees. 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 financial statements for Lake County, Florida.

### 10. 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, 2025 were \$27,898. No settlements in excess of claims have been incurred during the current or prior period.

## 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, 2025

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues				
Intergovernmental Revenue -				
Operating Grants	\$ 1,076,361	\$ 1,289,103	\$ 947,992	\$ (341,111)
Total Revenues	<u>1,076,361</u>	<u>1,289,103</u>	<u>947,992</u>	<u>(341,111)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Personal Services	369,951	369,951	359,137	10,814
Operating	671,410	884,152	513,529	370,623
Grants and Aids	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Administrative Fee	30,000	30,000	29,986	14
Operating Reserve	41,573	41,573	-	41,573
Debt Service				
Principal	-	-	33,079	(33,079)
Interest	-	-	2,179	(2,179)
Total Expenditures	<u>1,117,934</u>	<u>1,330,676</u>	<u>942,910</u>	<u>387,766</u>
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>(41,573)</u>	<u>(41,573)</u>	<u>5,082</u>	<u>46,655</u>
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>41,573</u>	<u>41,573</u>	<u>63,763</u>	<u>22,190</u>
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 68,845</u>	<u>\$ 68,845</u>

*See note to required supplementary information.*

# Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

## Note to Required Supplementary Information

Year ended June 30, 2025

### **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.

# Single Audit

Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2025

<u>Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Assistance Listing #</u>	<u>Pass-Through / State Contract Number</u>	<u>Amount of Expenditures</u>
<b>Department of Transportation</b>			
<b>Highway Planning and Construction</b>			
Passed through:			
Florida Department of Transportation			
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	439329-5-14-01 G2V34	\$ <u>891,949</u>
<b>Total Highway Planning and Construction</b>			<u>891,949</u>
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>			<b><u>\$ 891,949</u></b>

*See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.*

# Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

## Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2025

### **1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

#### **General**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the “Schedule”) includes the federal award activity of Lake-Sumter MPO under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2025. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Lake-Sumter MPO, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position/fund balance, or cash flows of Lake-Sumter MPO.

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. In the opinion of management, all grant expenditures are in compliance with the terms of the grant agreements and applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

### **3. Indirect Costs**

Lake-Sumter MPO does not charge its federal award programs with indirect costs.

### **4. Other Note**

There are no subrecipients or loans related to the Lake-Sumter MPO’s federal programs.

## **Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Board Members  
Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Leesburg, Florida

#### **Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program**

##### ***Opinion on the Major Federal Program***

We have audited Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization's (the "Organization") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the Organization's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2025. The Organization's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Organization complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2025.

##### ***Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance" section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Organization and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Organization's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

##### ***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Organization's federal programs.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Organization's compliance based on our audit. 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 GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Organization's compliance with the requirements of the major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 Organization's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Organization's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

### **Report on 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 a 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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance" section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

**Forvis Mazars, LLP**

**Orlando, Florida  
February 13, 2026**

**Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
Year Ended June 30, 2025**

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**Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Results**

**Financial Statements**

1. Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP:  
 Unmodified       Qualified       Adverse       Disclaimer
2. Internal control over financial reporting:  
Material weakness(es) identified?       Yes       No  
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?       Yes       None reported
3. Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?       Yes       No

**Federal Awards**

4. Internal control over major federal programs:  
Material weakness(es) identified?       Yes       No  
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?       Yes       None reported
5. Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major federal program(s):  
 Unmodified       Qualified       Adverse       Disclaimer
6. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?       Yes       No
7. Identification of major federal programs:

<u>Assistance Listing Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
20.205	Highway Planning and Construction

8. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000.
9. Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee?       Yes       No

Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)  
Year Ended June 30, 2025

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**Section II – Financial Statement Findings**

<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>Finding</b>
	No matters are reportable.

**Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>Finding</b>
	No matters are reportable.

**Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings  
Year Ended June 30, 2025**

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<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>Summary of Finding</b>	<b>Status</b>
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No matters were reported over federal awards in the prior year.

## Other Reports

## **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**

Board Members  
Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Leesburg, Florida

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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (the "Organization"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Organization's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 13, 2026.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Organization'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 Organization's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. 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 Organization'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*.

### ***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.

**Forvis Mazars, LLP**

**Orlando, Florida  
February 13, 2026**

## Independent Auditor's Management Letter

Board Members  
Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Leesburg, Florida

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (the "Organization") as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, and have issued our report thereon dated February 13, 2026.

### 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; the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance"); and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*.

### Other Reporting Requirements

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 the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control over Compliance; and Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated February 13, 2026, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

### Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations made in the preceding audit report.

### Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The legal authority is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

### ***Financial Condition and Management***

Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), *Rules of the Auditor General*, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not the Organization met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Organization did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), *Rules of the Auditor General*, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the Organization. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Organization's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

### ***Additional Matters***

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or fraud, waste, or abuse that has occurred, or is likely to have occurred, that has an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

### ***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 Board, and applicable management, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

***Forvis Mazars, LLP***

**Orlando, Florida  
February 13, 2026**