

Audited Financial Statements
WESTERN RESERVE TRANSIT AUTHORITY
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO)

For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

SINGLE AUDIT REPORT
For the year ended December 31, 2008



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

Board of Trustees
Western Reserve Transit Authority
604 Mahoning Avenue
Youngstown, Ohio 44502

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of the Western Reserve Transit Authority, Mahoning County, prepared by Dingus and Daga, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Western Reserve Transit Authority is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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June 15, 2009

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Dingus and Daga, Inc.
Certified Public Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees
Western Reserve Transit Authority
Youngstown, Ohio

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Western Reserve Transit Authority (a component unit of the City of Youngstown, Ohio) (the "Authority"), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits 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 of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Authority as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 10, during the year ended December 31, 2008, the Authority implemented GASB Statement No., 43, "Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans", GASB Statement No. 49, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pollution Remediation Obligations" and GASB Statement No. 50, "Pension Disclosures-an amendment of GASB Statement No. 25 and No. 27".

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated May 26, 2009, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and 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 and important for assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 through 13, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements, taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements of the Authority. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Dingus and Jaga, Inc.

Shaker Heights, Ohio
May 26, 2009

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Western Reserve Transit Authority ("Authority"), we offer readers of the Authority's basic financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Authority for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. This discussion and analysis is designed to assist the reader in focusing on the significant financial issues and activities and to identify any significant changes in financial position. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Overview of Financial Highlights

- The Authority has net assets of \$10.65 million. These net assets result from the difference between total assets of \$14.25 million and total liabilities of \$3.60 million.
- Current assets of \$3.2 million primarily consist of non-restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents of \$.8 million; Property Tax receivable of \$2.1 million; and Federal and State assistance receivable of \$.2 million.
- Current liabilities of \$3.0 million primarily consist of Accounts, Contracts, and Other payables of \$.3 million and Accrued Payroll Benefits of \$.5 million; and Deferred property taxes of \$2.1 million.

Basic Financial Statements and Presentation

Accounting Pronouncements

The Authority complies with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 34, "Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments: Omnibus," and Statement No. 38, "Certain Financial Statement Disclosures."

The financial statements presented by the Authority are the comparative Balance Sheet, the comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets and the comparative Statement of Cash Flows. These statements are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The Authority is structured as a single enterprise fund with revenues recognized when earned and measurable, not when received. Expenses are recognized when they are incurred, not when paid. Capital assets are capitalized and depreciated, except land, over their estimated useful lives.

The Balance Sheet presents information on all the Authority's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases and decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating. Net assets increase when revenues exceed expenses. Increases in assets without a corresponding increase to liabilities results in increased net assets, which indicate improved financial position.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets present information showing how the Authority's net assets changed during the year. This statement summarizes operating revenues and expenses along with non-operating revenues and expenses. In addition, this statement lists capital contributions received from federal and state governments.

The Statement of Cash Flows allows financial statement users to assess the Authority's adequacy or ability to generate sufficient cash flows to meet its obligations in a timely manner. The statement is classified into four categories: 1) Cash flows from operating activities, 2) Cash flows from non-capital financing activities, 3) Cash flows from capital and relating financing activities, and 4) Cash flows from investing activities.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

The basic financial statements can be found on page 14 of this report.

Financial Analysis of the Authority

Condensed Summary of Net Assets

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Current Assets	\$ 3,236,550	\$ 3,607,014	\$ 4,188,119
Restricted Assets	582,144	339,870	388,271
Other Non-Current Assets	11,000	11,000	11,000
Capital Assets (net of accumulated Depreciation)	<u>10,416,038</u>	<u>11,544,501</u>	<u>12,989,889</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 14,245,732</u>	<u>\$ 15,502,385</u>	<u>\$ 17,577,279</u>
Current Liabilities	\$ 3,545,872	\$ 3,582,821	\$ 3,488,406
Non Current Liabilities	<u>52,589</u>	<u>50,011</u>	<u>47,275</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 3,598,461</u>	<u>\$ 3,632,832</u>	<u>\$ 3,535,681</u>
Net Assets			
Invested in Capital Assets	\$ 10,416,038	\$ 11,544,501	\$ 12,989,889
Restricted for Capital Assets	12,267	(42,219)	204,225
Unrestricted	<u>218,966</u>	<u>367,271</u>	<u>847,484</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 10,647,271</u>	<u>\$ 11,869,553</u>	<u>\$ 14,041,598</u>

The largest portion of the Authority's net assets reflect investment in capital assets consisting of buses, operating facilities and equipment, less any related debt used to acquire any of those assets still outstanding. The Authority uses these capital assets to provide public transportation services for the City of Youngstown, and surrounding communities in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties.

Condensed Summary of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

<u>Description</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Operating Revenues (Expenses)			
Operating Revenues	\$ 722,940	\$ 938,504	\$ 1,040,914
Operating Expenses, excluding depreciation	(5,290,070)	(6,439,122)	(7,755,575)
Depreciation Expense	<u>(1,677,277)</u>	<u>(1,803,144)</u>	<u>(1,754,189)</u>
Operating Loss	<u>\$ (6,244,407)</u>	<u>\$ (7,303,762)</u>	<u>\$ (8,468,850)</u>
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)			
Property Tax Revenues	\$ 2,592,628	\$ 2,670,138	\$ 2,652,220
Federal Grants and Reimbursements	1,348,891	1,467,363	1,664,854
State Grants, Reimbursements and Special Fare Assistance	442,605	603,041	840,708
Investment Income	21,513	37,132	63,071
Gain on Disposal of Fixed Assets			10,000
Other Income	<u>180,390</u>	<u>90,153</u>	<u>92,532</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues	<u>\$ 4,586,027</u>	<u>\$ 4,867,827</u>	<u>\$ 5,323,385</u>
Capital Contributions	<u>\$ 436,098</u>	<u>\$ 263,890</u>	<u>\$ 678,403</u>
Decrease in Net Assets During the Year	\$ (1,222,282)	\$ (2,172,045)	\$ (2,467,062)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>\$ 11,869,553</u>	<u>\$ 4,041,598</u>	<u>\$ 16,508,660</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 10,647,271</u>	<u>\$ 11,869,553</u>	<u>\$ 14,041,598</u>

FINANCIAL OPERATING RESULTS

Revenues

For purposes of this presentation, the Authority groups its operating and nonoperating revenues into the following categories:

Passenger Fares – Farebox and special transit fares are included here. The overall decrease from 2007 reflects a decrease in ridership as a result of service cuts during 2008. The decrease from 2006 reflects a decrease in ridership as a result of service cuts during 2007.

Property Tax Revenues – 5 mills is levied against property owners in the City of Youngstown and is made up of three separate tax issues: one 1 mill for 10 years, one 2 mill for 10 years and one 2 mill for 4 years. For 2008, approximately 48.5% of the Authority's revenue came from this source. Property Tax Revenues decreased slightly during 2008. A ¼% sales and use tax issue passed by the voters of Mahoning County on November 4, 2008 will take effect April 1, 2009. WRTA will continue to collect the 5 mills property tax in 2009, levied against property owners in the City of Youngstown during 2008. WRTA will no longer levy property taxes after December 31, 2008.

Federal Grants and Reimbursements – In 2008, the Authority received approximately \$1.4 million in preventive maintenance and ADA reimbursement funds to cover certain maintenance and complimentary paratransit service costs incurred. This compares to \$1.5 million received in 2007 and \$1.7 million received in 2006.

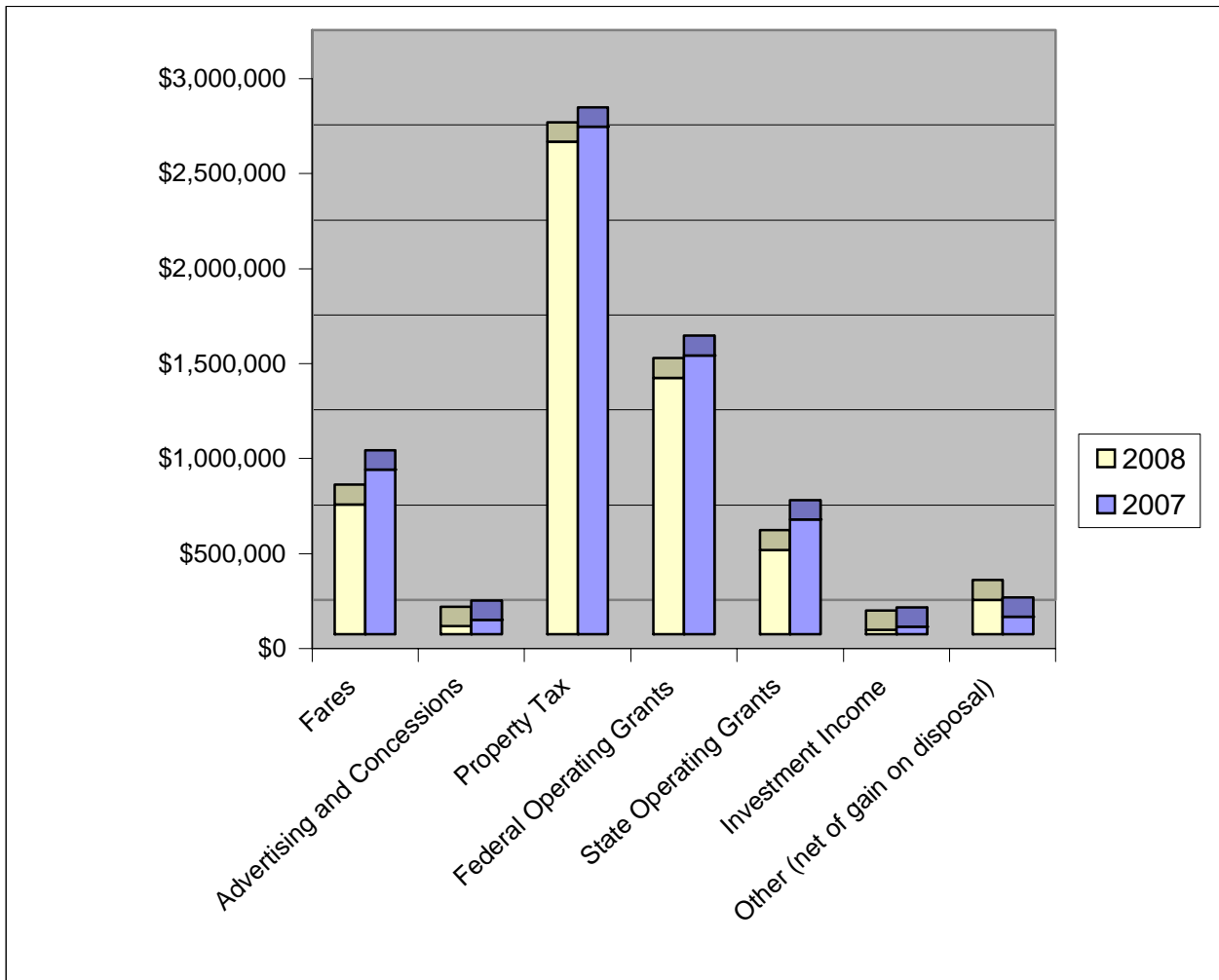
State Operating Grants – The Ohio Department of Transportation allocates grants for operating assistance and elderly and disabled programs. This category also includes reimbursement for state fuel taxes paid by the Authority. For 2007 and 2006 operating assistance includes an STP grant in the amount of \$115,659 and \$304,138, respectively, to supplement the loss of the federal Job Access Reverse Commute funding. The STP grant expired in April, 2007 and \$1.7 million received in 2006.

Investment Income – Investment income decreased considerably in 2008 and 2007 as a result of decreasing cash on hand and decreasing interest rates from 2006.

Other Income – This category summarizes various miscellaneous income and revenue.

REVENUE

	<u>2008</u>		<u>2007</u>	
Fares	\$ 682,861	12.9%	\$ 865,049	14.9%
Advertising and Concessions	\$ 40,079	0.8%	\$ 73,455	1.3%
Property Tax	\$ 2,592,628	48.8%	\$ 2,670,138	46.0%
Federal Operating Grants	\$ 1,348,891	25.4%	\$ 1,467,363	25.3%
State Operating Grants	\$ 442,605	8.3%	\$ 603,041	10.4%
Investment Income	\$ 21,513	0.4%	\$ 37,132	0.6%
Other (net of gain on disposal)	\$ 180,390	3.4%	\$ 90,153	1.6%
Total	<u>\$ 5,308,967</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 5,806,331</u>	<u>100.0%</u>



Expenses

Labor and Fringe Benefits These personnel costs accounted for approximately 61.4% of all the Authority operating expenses (excluding depreciation) in 2008. This proportion was approximately 68.4% in 2007 and 2006. The decrease in proportion during 2008 is a result of service cuts and employees layoffs.

Materials and Supplies These costs decreased in 2008 mainly due to service cuts and buses traveling fewer miles. The decreased costs in 2007 are for the same reason. The increase in cost in 2006 is mainly due to higher fuel costs and vehicles requiring more repairs.

Services These costs increased in 2008 and 2007 due to professional and technical services, including planning. Planning costs increased significantly due to the expectation of services expanding county wide. The decrease in costs in 2006 was a result of non service related budget cuts and non-vehicle maintenance services.

Utilities These costs increased as a result of utility rate increases, especially natural gas rates.

Casualty and Liability These costs remained relatively the same between 2008 and 2007. Premiums did increase in 2006 as a result of the upward trend in the insurance market following Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. Premiums are based on an annual actuarial study done by the Ohio Transit Risk Pool.

Miscellaneous This category summarizes various expenses not included in other expense categories.

Transportation These are expenses directly related to the operation of revenue vehicles. Included are wages and fringe benefits of operators, dispatchers, customer service, as well as diesel fuel and security costs.

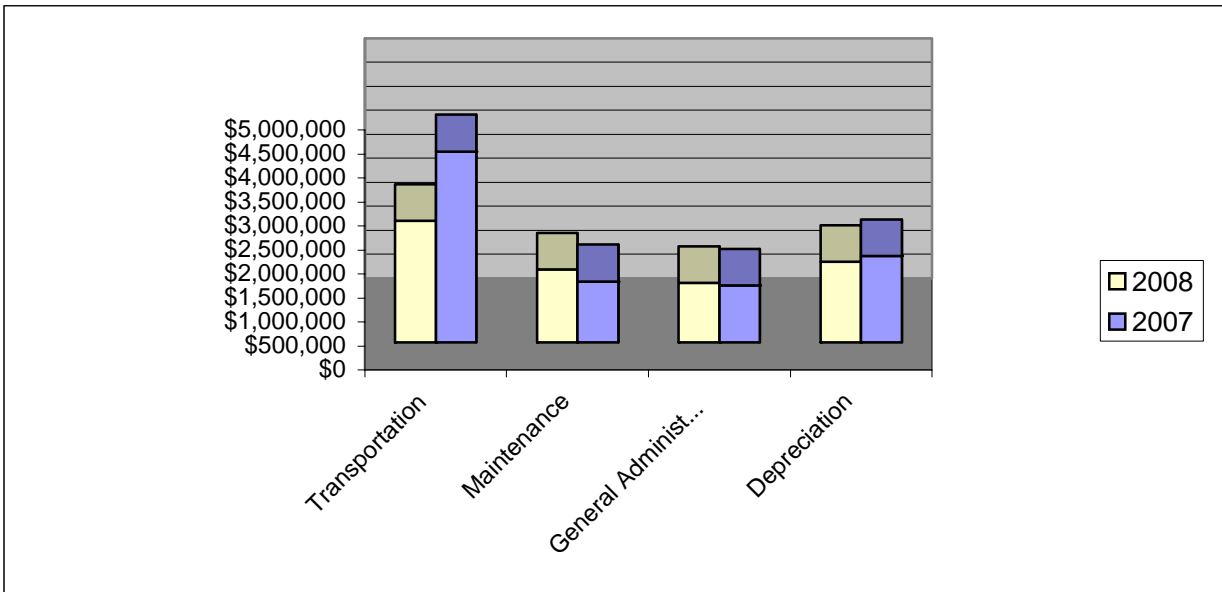
Maintenance Vehicle and facility maintenance labor costs, fringe benefits, and materials and supplies are included in this category.

General Administration Administrative personnel labor and fringe benefits are included in this category, as well as public liability and property damage insurance, professional services, advertising fees and office supplies.

Depreciation This category includes depreciation on all capital assets, except land.

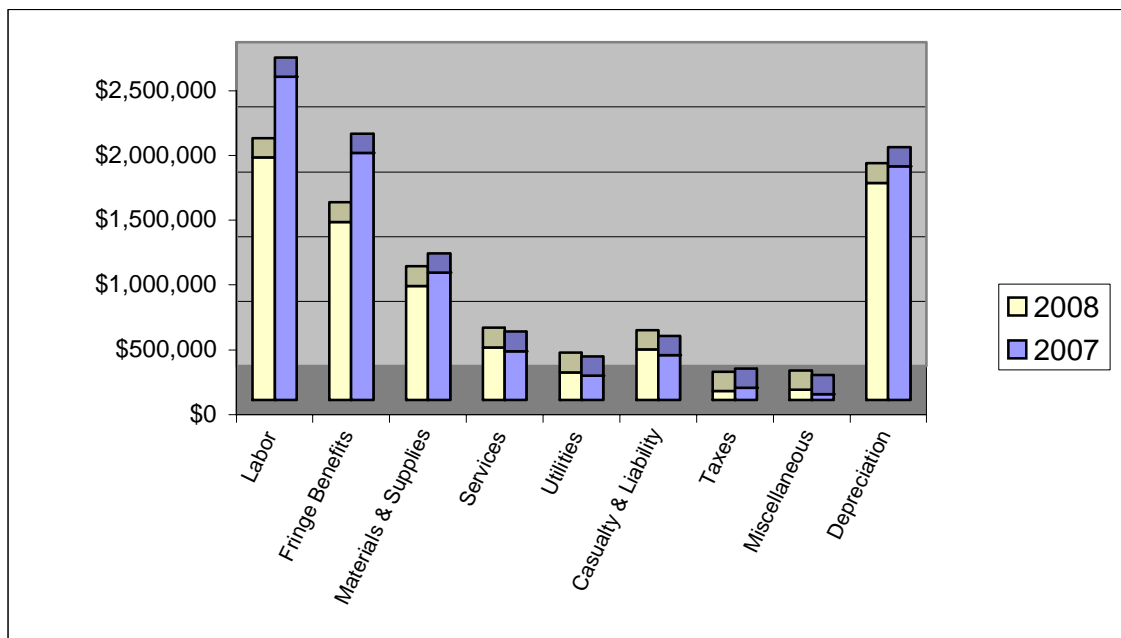
EXPENSE BY FUNCTION

	<u>2008</u>		<u>2007</u>	
Transportation	\$ 2,533,073	36.4%	\$ 3,982,022	48.2%
Maintenance	\$ 1,516,990	21.8%	\$ 1,273,272	15.4%
General Administration	\$ 1,240,007	17.8%	\$ 1,183,828	14.4%
Depreciation	\$ 1,677,277	24.0%	\$ 1,803,144	22.0%
Total	<u>\$ 6,967,347</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 8,242,266</u>	<u>100.0%</u>



EXPENSE BY OBJECT CLASS

	<u>2008</u>		<u>2007</u>	
Labor	\$ 1,870,476	26.8%	\$ 2,494,684	30.3%
Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,375,907	19.7%	\$ 1,906,478	23.1%
Materials & Supplies	\$ 881,864	12.7%	\$ 982,368	11.9%
Services	\$ 408,759	5.9%	\$ 378,985	4.6%
Utilities	\$ 215,460	3.1%	\$ 187,758	2.3%
Casualty & Liability	\$ 389,837	5.6%	\$ 347,396	4.2%
Taxes	\$ 68,924	1.0%	\$ 95,620	1.2%
Miscellaneous	\$ 78,843	1.1%	\$ 45,833	0.6%
Depreciation	\$ 1,677,277	24.1%	\$ 1,803,144	21.9%
Total	<u>\$ 6,967,347</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 8,242,266</u>	<u>100.0%</u>



Condensed Summary of Cash Flows

Net cash used for operating activities decreased due to service cuts in 2008. Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities decreased due to reductions in service which reduces federal funding levels. Net cash provided in capital and related financing activities was the result of lower capital expenditures.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash Received from customers	\$ 738,657	\$ 938,119
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(3,347,900)	(3,882,122)
Cash payments to employees for services	(2,057,601)	(2,482,868)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(4,666,844)</u>	<u>(5,426,871)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Property taxes received	2,592,628	2,670,138
Maintenance and planning grants received	1,943,083	2,391,307
Other	182,968	70,042
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>4,718,679</u>	<u>5,131,487</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Capital grants received	369,764	535,891
Acquisition of fixed assets	(545,356)	(357,756)
Proceeds from disposal		34,850
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(175,592)</u>	<u>212,985</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Interest received from investments	<u>21,513</u>	<u>37,132</u>
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<u>(102,244)</u>	<u>(45,267)</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,083,479	1,128,746
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 981,235</u>	<u>\$ 1,083,479</u>

Capital Assets

The Authority's investment in capital assets amounts to \$10.4 million, net of accumulated depreciation as of December 31, 2008, a decrease of \$1.1 million (9.8%). Capital assets include land and land improvements, revenue producing and service equipment, buildings and structures, shop equipment, office furnishings, and computer equipment. There were no major capital asset expenditures during the current fiscal year.

Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Authority's finances for those with an interest in its finances. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or request for additional financial information should be addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer, Western Reserve Transit Authority, 604 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44502.

WESTERN RESERVE TRANSIT AUTHORITY
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO)

BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

ASSETS	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 776,417	\$ 870,271
Receivables:		
Trade, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,782 in 2007 and 2006	28,872	44,589
Federal assistance	122,577	255,861
State assistance	92,150	110,453
Property taxes (Note 4)	2,070,148	2,168,167
Materials and supplies inventory	141,114	148,555
Prepaid expenses	<u>5,272</u>	<u>9,118</u>
Total current assets	3,236,550	3,607,014
RESTRICTED ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	204,818	213,208
Federal capital assistance receivable	<u>377,326</u>	<u>126,662</u>
Total restricted assets	582,144	339,870
PROPERTY, FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT:		
Land	1,013,136	970,833
Building and improvements	8,268,886	8,254,486
Transportation equipment	15,409,396	14,941,185
Other equipment	<u>1,479,480</u>	<u>1,482,355</u>
Total	26,170,898	25,648,859
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>15,754,860</u>	<u>14,104,358</u>
Property, facilities and equipment - net	10,416,038	11,544,501
OTHER ASSETS	<u>11,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 14,245,732</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,502,385</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

WESTERN RESERVE TRANSIT AUTHORITY
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BALANCE SHEET (CONT'D)
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2008	2007
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	\$ 176,154	\$ 114,447
Accrued payroll and benefits	536,692	723,817
Advances	83,424	83,424
Deferred property taxes	2,070,148	2,168,167
Other	109,577	110,877
Total current liabilities	2,975,995	3,200,732
LIABILITIES PAYABLE FROM RESTRICTED ASSETS		
Capital expenditures payable	386,675	174,303
Deferred planning and operating grants	100,352	124,936
Deferred capital grants	82,850	82,850
Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	569,877	382,089
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES - Other	52,589	50,011
Total liabilities	3,598,461	3,632,832
NET ASSETS:		
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	10,416,038	11,544,501
Restricted for Capital Assets	12,267	(42,219)
Unrestricted	218,966	367,271
Total Net Assets	10,647,271	11,869,553
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 14,245,732	\$ 15,502,385

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

WESTERN RESERVE TRANSIT AUTHORITY
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

	2008	2007
OPERATING REVENUES:		
Passenger fares	\$ 682,861	\$ 865,049
Advertising and concessions	40,079	73,455
Total operating revenues	722,940	938,504
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Labor	1,870,476	2,494,684
Fringe benefits (Note 5)	1,375,907	1,906,478
Materials and supplies	881,864	982,368
Services	408,759	378,985
Utilities	215,460	187,758
Casualty and liability	389,837	347,396
Taxes	68,924	95,620
Other	78,843	45,833
Total operating expenses excluding depreciation	5,290,070	6,439,122
OPERATING LOSS BEFORE DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	(4,567,130)	(5,500,618)
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE (Note 1):	1,677,277	1,803,144
OPERATING LOSS	(6,244,407)	(7,303,762)
NONOPERATING REVENUES:		
Property tax revenues (Note 4)	2,592,628	2,670,138
Federal maintenance grants and reimbursements (Note 9)	1,348,891	1,467,363
State maintenance grants, reimbursements and special fare assistance (Note 9)	442,605	603,041
Investment income	21,513	37,132
Gain on disposal of fixed assets and inventory		
Other	180,390	90,153
Total nonoperating revenues	4,586,027	4,867,827
NET LOSS BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	(1,658,380)	(2,435,935)
Capital contributions (Note 1)	436,098	263,890
NET LOSS	(1,222,282)	(2,172,045)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	11,869,553	14,041,598
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 10,647,271	\$ 11,869,553

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

WESTERN RESERVE TRANSIT AUTHORITY
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

	2008	2007
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash received from customers	\$ 738,657	\$ 938,119
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(3,347,900)	(3,882,122)
Cash payments to employees for services	(2,057,601)	(2,482,868)
Net cash used in operating activities	(4,666,844)	(5,426,871)
NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
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Maintenance and planning grants received	1,943,083	2,391,307
Other	182,968	70,042
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	4,718,679	5,131,487
CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Capital grants received	369,764	535,891
Acquisition of capital assets	(545,356)	(357,756)
Proceeds from disposal	-	34,850
Net cash provided(used) in capital and related financing activities	(175,592)	212,985
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Interest received from investments	21,513	37,132
Net cash provided by investing activities	21,513	37,132
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(102,244)	(45,267)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,083,479	1,128,746
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 981,235	\$ 1,083,479
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Operating loss	\$ (6,244,407)	\$ (7,303,762)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation	1,677,277	1,803,144
Change in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)decrease in accounts receivable-trade	15,717	(385)
Decrease in materials and supplies inventory	7,441	37,481
(Increase)decrease in prepaid expenses	3,846	(41)
Increase in accounts payable	61,707	16,176
Increase(decrease) in accrued payroll and benefits	(187,125)	11,816
Increase(decrease) in other current liabilities	(1,300)	8,700
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (4,666,844)	\$ (5,426,871)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization – Western Reserve Transit Authority (“WRTA” or the “Authority”) was created pursuant to Sections 306.30 through 306.71 of the Ohio Revised Code for the purpose of providing public transportation in the greater Youngstown, Ohio area. As a political subdivision it is distinct from, and is not an agency of, the State of Ohio or any other local governmental unit. The Authority is not subject to federal or state income taxes.

The Authority is managed by a five-member Board of Trustees and provides virtually all mass transportation within the greater Youngstown, Ohio area.

Reporting Entity – The Authority complies with the provisions of Statement No. 14 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) regarding the definition of the financial reporting entity. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements include only the accounts and transactions of the Authority. Under the criteria specified in Statement No. 14, the Authority has no component units. The Authority is, however, considered to be a component unit of the City of Youngstown (the “City”) by virtue of the fact that WRTA’s Board of Trustees is appointed by the Mayor and City Council of Youngstown and the City’s ability to impose its will on the Authority.

These conclusions regarding the financial reporting entity are based on the concept of financial accountability. The Authority is not financially accountable for any other organization nor is any other organization accountable for WRTA. This is evidenced by the fact that the Authority is a legally and fiscally separate and distinct organization under the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code.

Basis of Accounting – The Authority follows the accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenues and expenses are recognized in the period earned or incurred. The measurement focus is on determination of net income, financial position and cash flows. All transactions are accounted for in a single enterprise fund.

In accordance with Statement No. 20 of the GASB, “Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities that use Proprietary Fund Accounting,” the Authority has elected not to apply the provisions of the Statements and Interpretations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued after November 30, 1989.

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1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

Nonexchange Transactions - The Authority complies with the provisions of Statement No. 33 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") regarding the Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions. This statement requires that capital contributions be recognized as revenue. Accordingly, during the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, \$436,098 and \$263,890, respectively, in capital contributions were recognized as revenue in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and changes in Net Assets for the Authority.

The Authority complies with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, "Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments."

The Authority will continue applying all applicable pronouncements issued by the GASB.

Cash and Cash Equivalents – For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Authority considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity, at date of purchase, of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at cost, which approximates fair value.

Investments – The Authority's investments are stated at fair value.

Materials and Supplies Inventory – Materials and supplies inventory is stated at cost (average cost method). Inventory generally consists of maintenance parts and supplies for rolling stock and other transportation equipment.

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 reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, at and during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Property, Facilities and Equipment – Property, facilities and equipment are stated at historical cost. The cost of maintenance and repairs is charged to operations as incurred.

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1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets, as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Years</u>
Building and improvements	20-40
Land improvements	20
Transportation equipment	5-15
Other equipment	3-15

Restricted Assets – Restricted assets consist of monies and other resources, the use of which is legally restricted for capital acquisition and construction.

Net Assets - Equity displayed in three components as follows:

Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt – This consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, less the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets.

Restricted – This consists of net assets that are legally restricted by outside parties or by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, generally it is the Authority's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources when they are needed.

Unrestricted – This consists of net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

Classifications of Revenues

The Authority has classified its revenues as either operating or non-operating. Operating revenue includes activities that have the characteristics of exchange transactions including passenger fares, advertising, and concession revenue.

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1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

Classifications of Revenues (Cont'd)

Non-operating revenue includes activities that have the characteristics of non-exchange transactions, such as property tax proceeds and most federal, state, and local grants and contracts.

Recognition of Revenue and Receivables

The Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") and the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT"), provide financial assistance and make grants directly to the Authority for operations and acquisition of property and equipment. Operating grants and special fare assistance awards made on the basis of entitlement periods are recorded as grant receivables and revenue over the entitlement period. Capital grants for the acquisition of property and equipment (reimbursement type grants) are recorded as revenue when the expenditure has been made and the revenue is available. Capital grant funds received in advance of project costs being incurred are deferred.

When assets acquired with capital grants funds are disposed of, the Authority is required to notify the granting federal agency. A proportional amount of the proceeds or fair market value, if any, of such property and equipment may be used to acquire like-kind replacement vehicles or remitted to the granting federal agency.

Compensated Absences – The Authority accrues vacation and eligible sick pay as earned by its employees based upon the policies of the Authority and recognizes such costs when they are incurred.

2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The investment and deposit of Authority monies are governed by the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code. In accordance with these statutes, only banks located in Ohio and domestic building and loan associations are eligible to hold public deposits. The statutes also permit the Authority to invest in certificates of deposit, savings accounts, money market accounts, the State Treasurer's investment pool

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2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Cont'd)

("STAROhio"), and obligations of the United States government and certain agencies thereof. The Authority may also enter into repurchase agreements with eligible depository or any eligible security dealer who is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealer for a period not exceeding 30 days.

Repurchase agreements must be secured by the specific government securities upon which the repurchase agreements are based. These securities must be obligations of or guaranteed by the United States and mature or be redeemable within five years of the date of the related repurchase agreement. The market value of the securities subject to a repurchase agreement must exceed the value of the principal by two percent and be marked to market daily. State law does not require that security for public deposits and investments be maintained in the Authority's name.

The Authority is prohibited from investing in any financial instrument, contract, or obligation whose value or return is based upon or linked to another asset or index, or both, separate from the financial instruments, contract, or obligation itself (commonly known as a "derivative"). The Authority is also prohibited from investing in reverse repurchase agreements.

Deposits

At December 31, 2008, the carrying amount of all the Authority's deposits was \$981,235. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of December 31, 2008, \$729,963 of the WRTA's bank balance of \$979,963 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$250,000 was covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

At December 31, 2007, the carrying amount of all the Authority's deposits was \$1,083,479. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of December 31, 2007, \$1,057,415 of the WRTA's bank balance of \$1,157,415 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$100,000 was covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Cont'd)

Deposits (Cont'd)

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the WRTA's deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the WRTA.

The deposit balances at December 31, are included in the accompanying balance sheet under the following captions:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Current assets – cash and cash equivalents	\$ 776,417	\$ 870,271
Restricted assets – cash and cash equivalents	<u>204,818</u>	<u>213,208</u>
Total	<u>\$ 981,235</u>	<u>\$1,083,479</u>

3. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2008 is as follows:

Description	Balance @ <u>01/01/08</u>	Fixed Assets		Balance @ <u>12/31/08</u>
		<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ <u>970,833</u>	\$ <u>42,303</u>		\$ <u>1,013,136</u>
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated				
Depreciated	970,833			1,013,136
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Building & Building Improvements	8,254,486	14,400		8,268,886
Transportation Equipment	14,941,185	468,211		15,409,396
Other Equipment	<u>1,482,355</u>	<u>9,179</u>	<u>\$ 12,054</u>	<u>1,479,480</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Depreciated	24,678,026	491,790	12,054	25,157,762

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3. CAPITAL ASSETS (Cont'd)

Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Building & Building Improvements	4,737,232	410,155		5,147,387
Transportation Equipment	8,276,923	1,203,551		9,480,474
Other Equipment	<u>1,090,203</u>	<u>48,850</u>	<u>12,054</u>	<u>1,126,999</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>14,104,358</u>	<u>1,662,556</u>	<u>12,054</u>	<u>15,754,860</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>10,573,668</u>	<u>(1,170,766)</u>		<u>9,402,902</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 11,544,501</u>	<u>\$(1,128,463)</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$10,416,038</u>

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2007 is as follows:

Description	Balance @ 01/01/07	Fixed Assets		Balance @ 12/31/07
		Additions	Disposals	
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 696,404	\$ 274,429		\$ 970,833
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	696,404	274,429		970,833
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Building & Building Improvements	8,248,637	5,849		8,254,486
Transportation Equipment	15,113,924	48,815	\$ 221,554	14,941,185
Other Equipment	<u>1,453,600</u>	<u>28,755</u>		<u>1,482,355</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	24,816,161	83,419	221,554	24,678,026
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Building & Building Improvements	4,326,233	410,999		4,737,232
Transportation Equipment	7,188,025	1,310,452	221,554	8,276,923
Other Equipment	1,008,418	81,785		1,090,203
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>12,522,676</u>	<u>1,803,236</u>	<u>221,554</u>	<u>14,104,358</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>12,293,485</u>	<u>(1,719,817)</u>		<u>10,573,668</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$12,989,889</u>	<u>\$(1,445,388)</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$11,544,501</u>

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4. PROPERTY TAXES

WRTA is subsidized by property tax levies passed by the voters of Youngstown, Ohio. Property taxes of 1 mill were levied in 2002 and a 4 mills levy passed in 2005. Such levies expire as follows: 2 mills in 2009, 1 mill in 2010, and 2 mills in 2015. Property tax revenue can be used for operating or capital purposes.

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility, and tangible (used in business) property located in the Authority's operating district. WRTA receives cash from tax levies when the related property tax collections are distributed by the Mahoning County Auditor's office. These distributions are generally received in the year following that for which the tax is levied. Real property and tangible personal property taxes collected during fiscal years 2008 and 2007 had a lien and levy date of December 2007 and December 2006, respectively. WRTA will continue to collect all 5 mills property tax in 2009, with a lien and levy date of December 2008. WRTA will no longer levy property taxes after December 2008.

5. SALES AND USE TAXES

A sales and use tax issue passed by the voters of Mahoning County on November 4, 2008 will be effective April 1, 2009 for five (5) years ending March 31, 2014. In 2009 and thereafter, WRTA will be subsidized by a ¼% sales and use tax levy. Sales and use tax revenue can be used for operating or capital purposes.

6. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS

The WRTA participates in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans. The Traditional Pension Plan – a cost sharing, multi-employer defined pension plan. The Member-Directed Plan – a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20% per year). Under the Member-Directed Plan, members accumulated retirement assets equal to the value of member and (vested) employer contributions plus any investment earnings. The Combined Plan – a cost sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. Under the Combined Plan, OPERS invests employer contributions

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6. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS (Cont'd)

to provide a formula retirement benefit similar in nature to the Traditional Pension Plan benefit. Member contributions, the investment of which is self-directed by the members, accumulated retirement assets in a manner similar to the Member-Directed Plan.

OPERS provide retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits and annual cost-of living adjustments to members of the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issue a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215-4642, or by calling 614-222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. For 2008, member and employer contribution rates were consistent across all three plans. The 2008 member contribution rates were 10%. The 2008 employer contribution rate for local government employer units was 14% of covered payroll. The Authority's total contribution to OPERS for pension benefits (excluding the amount relating to postretirement benefits) for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 were approximately \$156,083, \$253,093 and \$349,027, respectively, equal to 100 percent of the required contribution for each year.

Post-employment Benefits

In order to qualify for postretirement health care coverage, age-and-service retirees under the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans must have 10 or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. The health care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an Other Post-employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement 12.

The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund postretirement health care through their contributions to OPERS.

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6. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS (Cont'd)

Summary of Assumptions

The assumptions and calculations below were based on OPERS' latest actuarial review performed as of December 31, 2007.

The individual entry age actuarial cost method of valuation is used in determining the present value of OPEB. The difference between assumed and actual experience (actuarial gains and losses) becomes part of unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

All investments are carried at market value. For actuarial valuation purposes, a smoothed market approach is used. Under this approach, assets are adjusted to reflect 25% of unrealized market appreciation or depreciation on investment assets annually, not to exceed a 12% corridor.

The investment assumption rate for 2007 was 6.5%.

An annual increase of 4.00%, compounded annually, is the base portion of the individual pay increase assumption. This assumes no change in the number of active employees. In addition, annual pay increases over and above the 4.00% base increase, were assumed to range from 0.50% to 6.30%.

Health care costs were assumed to increase at the projected wage inflation rate plus an additional factor ranging from .50% to 4% for the next 7 years. In subsequent years, (8 and beyond) health care costs were assumed to increase at 4% (the projected wage inflation rate).

OPEB is advance-funded on an actuarially determined basis.

The Traditional Pension and Combined Plans had 363,503 active contributing participants as of December 31, 2008. The number of active contributing participants for both plans used in the December 31, 2007, actuarial valuation was 364,076.

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6. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS (Cont'd)

The Authority's total contribution to OPERS for postretirement benefits for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 were approximately \$156,083, \$164,097 and \$170,719, respectively, equal to 100 percent of the required contribution for each year.

The amount of \$12.8 billion represents the actuarial value of OPERS' net assets available for OPEB at December 31, 2007.

Based on the actuarial cost method used, the Actuarial Valuation as of December 31, 2007, reported the actuarial accrued liability and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability for OPEB at \$29.8 billion and \$17.0 billion, respectively.

OPERS Retirement Board Implements its Health Care Preservation Plan

The Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP) adopted by the OPERS Retirement Board on September 9, 2004, is effective on January 1, 2007. Member and employer contribution rates increased as of January 1, 2006, January 1, 2007 and January 1, 2008, which allowed additional funds to be allocated to the health care plan.

7. OPERATING LEASES

The Authority currently leases space at its Federal Station loading terminal to Greyhound Lines, Inc. and Plaza Donuts, Inc. Both leases are five year terms, expiring December 31, 2008 and September 30, 2011, respectively. The Greyhound lease, which expired December 31, 2008 is being currently negotiated. Rent receipts of \$35,381 and \$34,160, respectively are reflected in the financial statements as nonoperating other revenue.

8. CONTINGENCIES

Federal and State Grants – Under the terms of the various grants, periodic audits are required where certain costs could be questioned as not being an eligible expenditure under the terms of the grant. At December 31, 2008, there were no

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8. CONTINGENCIES (Cont'd)

significant questioned costs that had not been resolved with the applicable federal and state agencies. Questioned costs could still be identified during audits to be conducted in the future. In the opinion of the Authority's management, no material grant expenditures will be disallowed.

Contract Disputes and Legal Proceedings – The Authority has been named as a defendant in certain contract disputes and other legal proceedings. Although the eventual outcome of these matters cannot be predicted, it is the opinion of management that the ultimate outcome is not expected to have a material effect on the Authority's financial position.

9. FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS, REIMBURSEMENTS AND SPECIAL FARE ASSISTANCE

Grants, reimbursements and special fare assistance in the statements of revenues and expenses for the year ended December 31, consist of the following:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
FEDERAL:		
FTA Maintenance and Other Assistance	\$1,179,085	\$ 1,346,314
FTA Planning Assistance	169,806	121,049
FTA Capital Contribution	<u>436,098</u>	<u>263,779</u>
Total	<u>\$1,784,989</u>	<u>\$ 1,731,142</u>
STATE:		
ODOT Maintenance and Other Assistance	\$ 172,631	\$ 315,247
ODOT Elderly Fare Assistance	225,289	224,958
ODOT Fuel Tax Reimbursement	44,685	62,836
ODOT Capital Contribution	<u>-0-</u>	<u>111</u>
Total	<u>\$ 442,605</u>	<u>\$ 603,152</u>

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10. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets, flood and earthquake, errors, and omissions, employment related matters, injuries to employees and employee theft and fraud. Effective December 31, 1994, the Authority commenced participation in the Ohio Transit Insurance Pool Association, Inc. ("OTIP"), renamed in 2002 as Ohio Transit Risk Pool Association, ("OTRP"). OTRP is a self insurance pool formed under Ohio Revised Code 2744.081, related to its risk of property and casualty loss. Under this plan, the Authority receives property and casualty loss coverage in exchange for premiums paid. OTRP self-insures the first \$250,000 of any qualified property loss and the first \$1,000,000 of any qualified casualty loss subject to a \$1,000 per loss deductible. Per occurrence, reinsurance coverage is maintained by OTRP equal to approximately \$200,000,000 for qualified property losses and \$7,500,000 for qualified casualty losses. Any underfunding of the plan's liabilities is shared pro-rata by the members based on pool contribution factors comprised of: population, full-time employees, vehicles, property values, budget, claims history times two and net operating expenses.

The Authority continues to carry commercial insurance for all other risks of loss, including workers' compensation and employee health and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

11. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICY

Effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2007, the Authority implemented GASB Statement No., 43, "Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans", that establishes uniform financial reporting standards for other post-employment benefit plans. The Statement did not have an impact on the Authority's financial statements.

Effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2007, the Authority implemented GASB Statement No. 49, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pollution Remediation Obligations" and GASB Statement No. 45, "Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions". These Statements did not have an impact on the Authority's financial statements.

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11. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICY (Cont'd)

Effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2007, the Authority implemented GASB Statement No. 50, "Pension Disclosures - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 25 and No. 27". The Statement did not have an impact on the Authority's financial statements.

12. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued these new accounting pronouncements. Statement No. 51, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Intangible Assets". Statement No. 51 is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2009. Statement No. 52, "Land and Other Real Estate Held as Investments by Endowments". Statement No. 52 is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2008. Statement No. 53, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments". Statement No. 53 is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2008. The Authority has not completed an analysis of the impact of these statement on its reported financial condition and results of operation.

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

<u>FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE</u>	<u>FEDERAL CFDA NUMBER</u>	<u>FEDERAL GRANT NUMBER</u>	<u>GRANT EXPENDITURES</u>
<u>U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</u>			
Federal Transit Cluster/Direct Programs:			
Federal Transit Administration Capital and Operating			
Assistance Formula Grants	20.507	OH-90-0356	\$ 88,062
		OH-90-0385	6,157
		OH-90-0407	45,693
		OH-90-0433	5,962
		OH-90-0549	11,777
		OH-90-0617	1,323,456
		OH-04-0039	<u>290,299</u>
			1,771,406
 FHWA Surface Transportation Program	 20.507	 OH-90-0599	 <u>25,435</u>
Total CFDA #20.507			<u>1,796,841</u>
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			 <u>\$ 1,796,841</u>

See note to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

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NOTES TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF
EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of Western Reserve Transit Authority and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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

Board of Trustees
Western Reserve Transit Authority
Youngstown, Ohio

We have audited the financial statements of the Western Reserve Transit Authority (a component unit of the City of Youngstown, Ohio) (the "Authority") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated May 26, 2009. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Authority's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Authority's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Authority's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Authority's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Authority's financial statements are free of 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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees, Authority management, federal awarding agencies and the Auditor of the State of Ohio and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Dingus and Daga, Inc.

Shaker Heights, Ohio
May 26, 2009



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR
PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
COMPLIANCE APPLICABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Board of Trustees
Western Reserve Transit Authority
Youngstown, Ohio

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Western Reserve Transit Authority (a component unit of the City of Youngstown, Ohio) (the "Authority") with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2008. The Authority's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Authority's compliance based on our audit.

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 Authority'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. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on Authority's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Authority complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Authority is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Authority's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance, 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 Authority's internal control over compliance.

A control deficiency in an entity's internal control over compliance 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 noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirements of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees, Authority management, federal awarding agencies and the Auditor of the State of Ohio and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Dingus and Daga, Inc.

Shaker Heights, Ohio
May 26, 2009

WESTERN RESERVE TRANSIT AUTHORITY
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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

PART I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:	unqualified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weaknesses identified?	no
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	no
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:	
Material Weakness identified?	no
Significant Deficiency identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	no
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	unqualified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133, Section .510 (a)	no

Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
20.507	Federal Transit Administration Capital and Operating Assistance Formula Grants

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONT'D)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

PART I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS (Cont'd)

Federal Awards (Cont'd)

Dollar threshold used to distinguish
between Type A and Type B programs: \$300,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? yes

PART II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

No matters are reportable.

PART III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters are reportable

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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

There were no comments on internal control and legal compliance included in the prior year reports.



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

WESTERN RESERVE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MAHONING COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
JUNE 30, 2009**