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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Butler County Regional Transit Authority  
Butler County  
3045 Moser Court  
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Butler County Regional Transit Authority, Butler County, Ohio (the Authority), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, 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 audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure 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 significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides 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 Butler County Regional Transit Authority, Butler County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 26, 2010, 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. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires. We have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measuring and presenting the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it. As a result of such limited procedures, we believe that the Management's Discuss and Analysis is not in conformity with guidelines established by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board* because the Authority did not disclose three years of information.

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We conducted our audit to opine on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements. The federal awards expenditure schedule is 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. We subjected the federal awards expenditure schedule to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements. In our opinion, this information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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April 26, 2010

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009  
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As management of the Butler County Regional Transit Authority, Butler County, Ohio (the 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 year ended December 31, 2009. 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 \$4.00 million. These net assets result from the difference between total assets of \$4.11 million and total liabilities of \$.11 million.

Current assets of \$1.62 million primarily consist of non-restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents of \$1.53 million; and Intergovernmental/Accounts Receivable of \$.09 million.

Current liabilities of \$.11 million primarily consist of Accounts Payable, Accrued Wages and related Payroll Accruals.

**Basic Financial Statements and Presentation**

The financial statements presented by the Authority are the Statement of Net Assets, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets and the 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 Statement of Net Assets 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 grant revenues received from federal, state and local 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 three categories: 1) Cash flows from operating activities, 2) Cash flows from non-capital financing activities, and 3) Cash flows from capital and related financing 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.

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**Net Assets**

The largest portion of the Authority's net assets reflect investments in capital assets consisting of buses, an operating facility, and equipment less accumulated depreciation. The Authority uses these capital assets to provide public transportation services in Butler County, Ohio and in adjacent areas. The table below provides a summary of the Authority's net assets:

**(Table 1)  
Butler County Regional Transit Authority  
Condensed Summary of Net Assets  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Current Assets	\$ 1,622,925	\$ 989,542
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	2,484,833	1,830,097
Total Assets	4,107,758	2,819,639
Current Liabilities	110,735	69,695
Total Liabilities	110,735	69,695
Net Assets		
Invested in Capital Assets	2,484,833	1,830,097
Unrestricted	1,512,190	919,847
Total Net Assets	\$ 3,997,023	\$ 2,749,944

During fiscal year 2009 the Authority's current assets increased as we received significant federal funding for the purchase of vehicles and operation of a medical shuttle, which were not received in 2008. Capital assets increased as we purchased both replacement and expansion vehicles which were funded with 100% federal funds.

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets**

Table 2 reflects the changes in net assets in 2009 and 2008.

**(Table 2)  
Butler County Regional Transit Authority  
Condensed Summary of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Passenger Fares	\$ 202,482	\$ 63,868
Federal Operating Funds	238,270	21,580
Intergovernmental Funding	1,565,808	1,161,226
Gain on Sale of Assets	-	8,000
Federal Capital Funds	836,562	277,108
Other Income	107,784	30,488
Total Revenues	2,950,906	1,562,270
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Operating Expenses - Net of Depreciation	1,521,999	1,266,848
Depreciation Expense	181,828	135,238
Total Expenses	1,703,827	1,402,086
Increase in Net Assets During the Year	1,247,079	160,184
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	2,749,944	2,589,760
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 3,997,023	\$ 2,749,944

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**Financial Operating Results**

**Revenues** - For purposes of this presentation the Authority groups its Revenues into the following categories:

**Operating Revenues**

**Passenger Fares – Demand Response/Contracts** – Fares paid by the public to ride the county wide curb to curb service and public/contract fares paid by agencies on behalf of the rider.

**Federal Operating Funds** – Federal Transit Administration (FTA) operating subsidy funds for the medical shuttle service. This funding was new for 2008 and continued for 2009.

**Intergovernmental Funding Agreement** – This represents funds, which are allocated to the Authority, who in turn passes them on to the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA), who then operates park-n-ride express service from Butler County to Downtown Cincinnati. The funds reported are the “gross” funds allocated to the Authority and have increased slightly due to additional funds being allocated to the region. In addition, during 2009 we entered into a service agreement with the City of Middletown to operate a shuttle between Hamilton and Middletown.

**Non-Operating Revenues**

**Gain/Loss on Sale of Assets** – Sale of surplus vehicles, property, and equipment.

**Federal Capital Funds** – FTA funds for the purchase of capital assets. These funds increased because they were received at the very end of fiscal year 2008 and throughout fiscal year 2009.

**Other Income** – Miscellaneous refunds, credits, and revenue earned by providing space and services to others.

**Operating Expenses** - For purposes of this presentation, the Authority groups its Operating Expenses into the following categories:

**Labor and Fringe Benefits** - These personnel costs accounted for approximately 38.8% of the Authority operating expenses (excluding depreciation) in 2009 as compared to 27.4% in 2008. This reflects our expansion of services during 2009.

**Contract Services** - Items under this category include Attorney, Audit, Transit Management Fees, external vehicle maintenance, facility maintenance, as well as miscellaneous professional services.

**Materials and Supplies** - These costs have increased from prior years mainly due to fuel pricing.

**Utilities** - These costs include natural gas, electric, water, and communication services.

**Casualty and Liability** - The Authority is a member of the Ohio Transit Risk Pool, which sets premiums based on service factors and claims experience.

**Purchased Transportation** – This represents the cost of the park-n-ride service operated by SORTA for the Authority and discussed under Intergovernmental Funding in the revenue section.

**Other** - This category summarizes various expenses not included in other expense categories.

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**Capital Assets** – At the end of fiscal year 2009, the Authority had \$2,484,833 invested in land, operating facility, and vehicles. Table 3 shows fiscal year 2009 balances in comparison to 2008 balances:

**(Table 3)  
Butler County Regional Transit Authority  
Statement of Capital Assets  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Non-Depreciable Capital Assets</b>		
Land	\$ 294,000	\$ 294,000
<b>Depreciable Capital Assets</b>		
Operating Facility	1,819,769	1,776,655
Equipment & Misc.	96,168	45,900
Vehicles	1,334,502	591,320
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	3,250,439	2,413,875
 Total Cost	 \$3,544,439	 \$ 2,707,875
 <b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>		
Operating Facility	(609,985)	(538,918)
Equipment	(22,645)	(3,825)
Vehicles	(426,976)	(335,035)
Total Depreciation	(1,059,606)	(877,778)
 <b>Net Value</b>	 \$ 2,484,833	 \$ 1,830,097

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

During fiscal year 2009 the Authority's capital assets and related depreciation increased as we purchased both replacement and expansion vehicles which were funded with 100% federal funds.

**Request for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Authority's finances. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or request for additional financial information should be addressed to the Finance Manager, Butler County Regional Transit Authority, 3045 Moser Court, Hamilton, Ohio 45011.

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**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash on Deposit	\$ 1,533,559	\$ 936,598
Intergovernmental Receivable	86,709	49,392
Accounts Receivable	2,657	3,552
Total Current Assets	1,622,925	989,542
<b>Non-Current Assets:</b>		
Property, Facilities and Equipment		
Land - Non Depreciable	294,000	294,000
Operating Facility	1,819,769	1,776,655
Vehicles & Equipment	1,334,502	591,320
Furniture & Equipment	79,826	45,900
Amenities & Misc.	16,342	-
Subtotal	3,544,439	2,707,875
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(1,059,606)	(877,778)
Total Property, Facility and Equipment (net of accumulated depreciation)	2,484,833	1,830,097
Total Assets	\$4,107,758	\$2,819,639
 <b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$39,620	\$22,894
Accrued Payroll & Benefits	71,115	46,801
Total Liabilities	110,735	69,695
 <b>Net Assets</b>		
Invested in Capital Assets	2,484,833	1,830,097
Unrestricted	1,512,190	919,847
Total Net Assets	\$ 3,997,023	\$ 2,749,944

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Operating Revenues</b>		
Passenger Fares - Demand Response, Contracts	\$ 202,482	\$ 63,868
Federal Operating Funds	238,270	21,580
Intergovernmental Funding	1,565,808	1,161,226
Total Operating Revenues	<u>2,006,560</u>	<u>1,246,674</u>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Labor	427,734	251,388
Fringe Benefits	162,580	95,152
Contract Services	151,393	161,325
Materials & Supplies	88,388	62,214
Utilities	40,122	38,424
Casualty & Liability Insurance	58,730	55,141
Purchased Transportation	585,880	600,000
Depreciation Expense	181,828	135,238
Other	7,172	3,204
Total Operating Expenses	<u>1,703,827</u>	<u>1,402,086</u>
<b>Operating Gain (Loss)</b>	302,733	(155,412)
<b>Non-Operating Revenues</b>		
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets	-	8,000
Federal Capital Funds	836,562	277,108
Sale of Non-Transportation Services	28,259	12,702
Other Income	79,525	17,786
Total Non-Operating Revenue	<u>944,346</u>	<u>315,596</u>
<b>Net Gain</b>	1,247,079	160,184
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>2,749,944</u>	<u>2,589,760</u>
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 3,997,023</u>	<u>\$ 2,749,944</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Cash Received From Customers	\$ 1,514,318	\$ 1,129,228
Cash Payments - Suppliers for Goods & Services	(475,308)	(327,274)
Cash Payments - Employees for Wages & Fringes	(551,928)	(333,563)
Net Cash Used	<u>487,082</u>	<u>468,391</u>
<b>Non-Capital Financing Activities</b>		
Contributions Received	400	-
Intergovernmental Funding Received	-	2,444
Other	109,482	17,624
Net Cash Provided	<u>109,882</u>	<u>20,068</u>
<b>Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>		
Purchase of Vehicles & Equipment	(743,182)	(206,256)
Purchase of Facilities & Land	(43,114)	-
Purchase of Equipment & Furniture	(29,765)	(45,900)
Purchase of Amenities & Misc.	(16,343)	-
Federal Capital Funds	832,401	277,108
Proceeds from Disposal of Fixed Assets	-	8,000
Net Cash Provided/Used	<u>(3)</u>	<u>32,952</u>
<b>Net Increase in Cash &amp; Equivalents</b>	596,961	521,411
<b>Cash &amp; Equivalents - Beginning of Year</b>	<u>936,598</u>	<u>415,187</u>
<b>Cash &amp; Equivalents - End of Year</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,533,559</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 936,598</u></u>
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Gain (Loss) to Net Cash Used in Operating Activities</b>		
Operating Gain (Loss)	\$ 302,733	\$ (155,412)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Gain (Loss) to Net Cash Used in Operating Activities		
Depreciation	181,828	135,238
Other Non-Cash Activities	(2,097)	16,419
Changes in Assets & Liabilities		
Accounts/Intergovernmental Receivables Affecting Operating Income	(36,422)	454,609
Accounts Payable	16,726	5,568
Accrued Payroll & Benefits	24,314	11,969
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	<u><u>\$ 487,082</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 468,391</u></u>

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

**1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Description of Entity** – The Butler County Regional Transit Authority, Butler County, Ohio (BCRTA, the Authority), is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. It was created pursuant to Sections 306.30 through 306.71 of the Ohio Revised Code. 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 directed by a nine member Board of Trustees who are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Butler County. The Authority is responsible for the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of regional transportation within Butler County.

**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 related organization of Butler County by virtue of the fact that BCRTA's Board of Trustees is appointed by the County Commissioners and the County'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 BCRTA. 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's basic financial statements consist of a Statement of Net Assets, a Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets, and a Statement of Cash Flows. 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.

**Non-exchange 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 Non-exchange Transactions. This statement requires that capital contributions be recognized as revenue as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets for the Authority.

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

**Fiscal Agent** – In late 2008, the Board of Trustees elected for the agency to serve as their own fiscal agent for FY2009 and beyond. Prior to this action, The Butler County Auditor served as the Authority's fiscal agent.

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**1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**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 RTA maintains all available funds on deposit with financial institutions with amounts on deposit protected by FDIC coverage or through a public funds depository agreement. The investment policy prohibits any type of investing that would be considered risky.

**Materials and Supplies Inventory** - Materials and supplies (including fuel) are purchased as needed and no parts or fuel inventory are maintained.

**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.

**Depreciation** - 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	5-12
Other equipment	3-15

**Net Assets** - Equity is displayed in two components as follows:

Invested in Capital Assets - This consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.

Unrestricted - This consists of net assets that do not meet the definition of restricted or invested in capital assets.

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**1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**Operating Revenues and Expenses**

The Authority has classified its revenues as either operating or non-operating. Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activities. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the good or service that is the primary activity of the Authority. Revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating.

**Recognition of Revenue and Receivables**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) provide financial assistance and make allocations 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 offers employees paid time off (PTO). These benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employee's right to receive compensation is attributable to services already rendered and it is probable the Authority will compensate employees for the benefits through time off or some other means. An annual accrual for PTO balances at year end is made to the extent that it is probable that benefits will result in future payments.

**2. EQUITY IN CASH AND DEPOSITS**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned to it. The Authority has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. By Ohio law, financial institutions must collateralize all public deposits. The face value of the pooled collateral must equal at least 105 percent of public funds on deposit with that specific institution. Collateral is held by trustees including the Federal Reserve Bank and designated third party trustees of the financial institutions. The Authority had a bank balance of \$1,556,038 and a carrying amount of \$1,533,559 at December 31, 2009 with financial institutions authorized to accept public funds. Of the bank balance, \$556,280 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$999,758 was exposed to custodial risk and was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institutions trust department or agent but not in the Authority's name.

**3. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS**

**Ohio Public Employees Retirement System**

The BCRTA participates in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The traditional plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer

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**3. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)**

defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20 percent per year). Under the member directed plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of the member and vested employer contributions plus any investment earnings. The combined plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and a defined contribution plan. Under the combined plan, employer contributions are invested by the retirement system to provide a formula retirement benefit similar to the traditional plan benefit. Member contributions, whose investment is self-directed by the member, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the member directed plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Members of the member directed plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-5601 or (800) 222-7377.

For the year ended December 31, 2008, the members of all three plans were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The employer contribution rate for pension benefits for 2008 was 14 percent (7 percent for pension and 7 percent for post retirement). The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The RTA's required contributions for pension obligations to the traditional and combined plans for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007 were \$67,041, \$38,449, and \$38,956, respectively; 91.7 percent has been contributed for 2009 and 100 percent for 2008 and 2007. Contributions to the member-directed plan for 2009 were \$61,477 made by the RTA and \$43,912 made by the plan members.

**Post-employment Benefits**

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) provides postretirement health care coverage to age and service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit with either the traditional or combined plans. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. Members of the member-directed plan do not qualify for postretirement health care coverage. The health care coverage provided by the retirement system is considered an Other Post-employment Benefit as described in *GASB Statement No. 12*. A portion of each employer's contribution to the traditional or combined plans is set aside for the funding of postretirement health care based on authority granted by State statute. The 2008 local government employer contribution rate was 14 percent of covered payroll; 7 percent of covered payroll was the portion that was used to fund health care.

Benefits are advance-funded using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Significant actuarial assumptions, based on OPERS's latest actuarial review performed as of December 31, 2007, include a rate of return on investments of 6.5 percent, an annual increase in active employee total payroll of 4 percent compounded annually (assuming no change in the number of active employees) and an additional increase in total payroll of between 0.50 percent and 6.3 percent based on additional annual pay increases. Health care premiums were assumed to increase at the projected wage inflation rate plus an additional factor ranging from .5 to 4 percent annually for the next seven years and 4 percent annually after seven years.

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**3. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)**

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

The number of active contributing participants in the traditional and combined plans was 363,503. The number of active contributing participants for both plans used in the December 31, 2007, actuarial valuation was 364,076. Actual BCRTA contributions for 2009 which were used to fund post-employment benefits were \$33,521. The actual contribution and the actuarially required contribution amounts are the same. The actuarial value of OPERS's net assets available for payment of benefits at December 31, 2007, (the latest information available) was \$12.8 billion. The actuarially accrued liability and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability were \$29.8 billion and \$17.0 billion, respectively.

On September 9, 2004, the OPERS Retirement Board adopted a Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP) with an effective date of January 1, 2007. To improve the financial solvency of the Health Care Fund, OPERS created a separate investment pool for health care assets. Member and employer contributions rates increased as of January 1, 2008, which will allow additional funds to be allocated to health care plan.

**4. MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

In 2009, the Authority contracted with the Lakatos Group to provide management services. Specifically, the Lakatos Group is providing the services of Executive Director. The Director works for the Board of Trustees and oversees the day to day operations as well as directing the strategic planning of the organization. The Executive Director also serves as the liaison to local, state, and federal officials.

**5. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Authority participates in the Ohio Transit Insurance Pool Association, Inc. (OTIP), renamed in 2002 as Ohio Transit Risk Pool Association, (OTRP), 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 plans 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.

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**6. CAPITAL ASSETS**

	January 1, 2009	Additions	Deletions	December 31, 2009
<b>Non-Depreciable Capital Assets</b>				
Land	\$ 294,000	\$ -	\$ -	294,000
<b>Depreciable Capital Assets</b>				
Operating Facility	1,776,655	43,114	-	1,819,769
Equipment	45,900	50,268	-	96,168
Vehicles	591,320	743,182	-	1,334,502
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	2,413,875	836,564	-	3,250,439
Total Cost	<u>\$ 2,707,875</u>	<u>\$ 836,564</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>3,544,439</u>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>				
Operating Facility	(538,918)	(71,067)	-	(609,985)
Equipment	(3,825)	(18,820)	-	(22,645)
Vehicles	(335,035)	(91,941)	-	(426,976)
Total Depreciation	<u>\$ (877,778)</u>	<u>\$ (181,828)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(1,059,606)</u>
<b>Net Value</b>	<u>\$ 1,830,097</u>	<u>\$ 654,736</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>2,484,833</u>

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**FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES SCHEDULE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

FEDERAL GRANTOR Program Title	Grant Year	Federal CFDA Number	Disbursements
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</b>			
New Freedom Program	2009	20.521	\$88,270
Federal Transit Cluster:			
ARRA - Federal Transit Formula Grant	2009	20.507	<u>986,562</u>
Total Federal Transit Cluster			<u>986,562</u>
<b>Total</b>			<b><u><u>\$1,074,832</u></u></b>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.*

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**NOTES TO THE FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES SCHEDULE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

**NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying Federal Awards Expenditures Schedule (the Schedule) reports the Butler County Regional Transit Authority's (the Authority's) federal award programs' disbursements. The schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

**NOTE B - MATCHING REQUIREMENTS**

Certain Federal programs require the Authority to contribute non-Federal funds (matching funds) to support the Federally-funded programs. The Authority has met its matching requirements. The Schedule does not include the expenditure of non-Federal matching funds.



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### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Butler County Regional Transit Authority  
Butler County  
3045 Moser Court  
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Butler County Regional Transit Authority, Butler County, Ohio (the Authority), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 26, 2010. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Authority's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

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

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Authority's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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We did note certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Authority's management in a separate letter dated April 26, 2010.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, federal awarding agencies, and others within the Authority. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

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**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
Auditor of State

April 26, 2010



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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Butler County Regional Transit Authority  
Butler County  
3045 Moser Court  
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

To the Board of Trustees:

### Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Butler County Regional Transit Authority, Butler County, 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 apply to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2009. The summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the Authority's major federal program. The Authority's management is responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each major federal program. 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 included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; 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 reasonably assure whether noncompliance occurred with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Authority's compliance with those requirements and performing other procedures we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Authority's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Butler County Regional Transit Authority complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that apply to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2009.

### Internal Control Over Compliance

The Authority's management 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 the Authority's internal control over compliance with requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of opining on compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over compliance.

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or to timely detect and correct, noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement will not be prevented, or timely detected and corrected.

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 over compliance that might be deficiencies, 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.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, and federal awarding agencies. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

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**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
Auditor of State

April 26, 2010

**BUTLER COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505  
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

**1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

<b>(d)(1)(i)</b>	<b>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</b>	Unqualified
<b>(d)(1)(ii)</b>	<b>Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(ii)</b>	<b>Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iii)</b>	<b>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(v)</b>	<b>Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion</b>	Unqualified
<b>(d)(1)(vi)</b>	<b>Are there any reportable findings under § .510?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(vii)</b>	<b>Major Programs (list):</b>	Federal Transit Cluster: Federal Transit Formula Grant CFDA #20.507
<b>(d)(1)(viii)</b>	<b>Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs</b>	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
<b>(d)(1)(ix)</b>	<b>Low Risk Auditee?</b>	No

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

None.

**3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS**

None.





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**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  
MAY 11, 2010**