



**RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
RICHLAND COUNTY**

**REGULAR AUDIT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**



**RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
RICHLAND COUNTY  
JUNE 30, 2021**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Richland County Regional Planning Commission  
Richland County  
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To Members of the Commission:

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Richland County Regional Planning Commission, Richland County, Ohio (the Commission), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Commission's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinion.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Richland County Regional Planning Commission, Richland County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2021, and the change in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 11 to the financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the Commission. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

**Other Matters**

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include *management's discussion and analysis*, and schedules of net pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities and pension and other post-employment benefit contributions listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

*Other Information*

Our audit was conducted to opine on the Commission's basic financial statements taken as a whole.

We did not subject the Schedule of Direct Labor, Fringe Benefits, and General Overhead to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion or any other assurance on it.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 22, 2022, on our consideration of the Commission'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. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

June 22, 2022

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021  
(UNAUDITED)**

The management's discussion and analysis of the Richland County Regional Planning Commission's (the "Commission") financial performance provides an overall review of the Commission's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2021. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Commission's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the notes to the financial statements and the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Commission's financial performance.

**Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for 2021 are as follows:

- The Commission's net position increased \$390,030, which represents an 88.40% increase from fiscal year 2020.
- Assets increased \$116,951 as a result of increased cash and receivables at fiscal year-end.
- Deferred outflows of resources decreased \$46,997 as a result of the change in deferred outflows reported at fiscal year-end related to the net pension liability/asset and net OPEB asset.
- Total liabilities decreased by \$367,429 from a decrease in the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability.
- Deferred inflows of resources increased by \$47,353 as a result of the change in deferred outflows reported at fiscal year-end related to the net pension liability/asset and net OPEB liability/asset.
- Operating revenues decreased by \$11,931, which represents a 1.21% decrease primarily due to a decrease in federal intergovernmental revenue and coordination revenue.
- Total operating expenses decreased by \$305,586 or 33.89%, due to the decreased costs associated with the Transportation Coordination program and employee benefits. A reduction in employee benefits expense for pension and OPEB expense of \$57,288 and \$269,040 was reported in fiscal year 2021 to accommodate GASB Statement No. 68 and GASB Statement No. 75, respectively.
- The Commission received a \$15,895 COVID-19 Cares Act federal grant in fiscal year 2021 to purchase seven laptops for its employees to work remotely during the pandemic, which is reported in non-operating revenues.

**Using this Annual Financial Report**

This annual report consists of three parts; the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Basic Financial Statements and the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements. The Financial Statements include a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position and a Statement of Cash Flows.

**Statement of Net Position**

The Statement of Net Position looks at how well the Commission has performed financially from inception through June 30, 2021. This Statement includes all of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position balances using the accrual basis of accounting, which is the accounting method used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all revenues earned and expenses incurred during the year, regardless as to when the cash is received or expended.

The Statement of Net position serves as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The following schedule provides a summary of the Commission's Statement of Net Position for fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020:

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	<b>Net Position</b>	
	2021	2020
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets	\$ 446,424	\$ 381,492
Noncurrent assets:		
Net pension asset	2,243	458
Net OPEB asset	38,749	-
Capital assets, net of depreciation	18,941	7,456
Total noncurrent assets	59,933	7,914
Total assets	506,357	389,406
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	51,657	98,654
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current liabilities	67,432	57,021
Long-term liabilities:		
Compensated absences benefits	18,549	16,245
Net pension liability	268,140	352,851
Net OPEB liability	-	295,433
Noncurrent liabilities	286,689	664,529
Total liabilities	354,121	721,550
<b>Deferred inflows</b>	255,069	207,716
<b>Net position</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	18,941	7,456
Unrestricted (deficit)	(70,117)	(448,662)
Total net position (deficit)	\$ (51,176)	\$ (441,206)

The net pension liability/asset and the net OPEB liability/asset at June 30, 2021 are reported pursuant to GASB Statement No. 68, "*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB Statement 27*" and GASB Statement No. 75, respectively. For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the Commission's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB, adding the net pension liability/asset and net OPEB liability/asset to the reported net position, and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. When accounting for pension and OPEB costs, GASB Statement Nos. 27 and 45 focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension and OPEB costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's net pension liability/asset and net OPEB liability/asset. GASB Statement Nos. 68 and 75 take an earnings approach to pension and OPEB accounting; however, the nature of Ohio's statewide pension systems and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

GASB Statement Nos. 68 and 75 require the net pension liability/asset and net OPEB liability/asset to equal the Commission's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

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1. Present value of estimated future pension and OPEB benefits attributable to active and inactive employees' past service
2. Minus plan assets available to pay these benefits

GASB notes that pension and OPEB obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange" - that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this pension and OPEB promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the Commission is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of these liabilities. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension and OPEB benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the pension system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liabilities of the pension system as against the public employer. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The pension system is responsible for the administration of these plans.

Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability or net OPEB liability. As explained above, changes in pension and OPEB benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of the net pension liability and net OPEB liability, but are outside the control of the local government. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required pension and OPEB payments, State statute does not assign/identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the net pension liability and net OPEB liability are satisfied, these liabilities are separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

In accordance with GASB Statement Nos. 68 and 75, the Commission's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense for their proportionate share of each plan's change in net pension liability/asset and net OPEB liability/asset not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position**

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position reports operating activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The following schedule provides a summary of the Commission's Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position for fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020.

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	<b>Change in Net Position</b>	
	2021	2020
<b>Operating revenues</b>		
Federal	\$ 249,887	\$ 254,722
State	41,790	40,855
Local governments	97,692	85,831
Coordination revenue	454,112	479,024
Local reimbursements	103,059	103,259
Other	23,768	18,548
Total operating revenue	970,308	982,239
<b>Operating expenses</b>		
Salaries and wages	295,445	281,915
Employee benefits	(172,496)	133,717
Staff expenses	3,758	11,517
Equipment & supplies	27,183	24,469
Contractual services	13,671	8,352
Occupancy and other	36,170	34,418
Coordination service	388,032	404,479
Depreciation	4,410	2,892
Total expenses	596,173	901,759
Operating income	374,135	80,480
<b>Non-operating revenue:</b>		
Capital contributions	15,895	-
Change in net position	390,030	80,480
Net position (deficit) at beginning of year	(441,206)	(521,686)
Net position (deficit) at end of year	\$ (51,176)	\$ (441,206)

Revenues in total decreased by \$11,931. There was a \$4,835 decrease in Federal intergovernmental revenue during fiscal year 2021. The revenues of the Coordination Program decreased \$24,912 in fiscal year 2021. Local governments intergovernmental revenue increased \$11,861 in fiscal year 2021.

Operating expenses decreased by \$305,586, due mainly to a decrease in employee benefits. Included in fiscal year 2021 employee benefits was a reduction of \$57,288 and \$269,040 to accommodate GASB Statement No. 68 pension expense and GASB Statement No. 75 OPEB expense, respectively, and is the reason for the reporting of negative employee benefits of \$172,496. This is due to a change in benefit terms and change in assumptions in OPERS' net OPEB liability/asset that are reflected in the December 31, 2020 measurement date health care valuation. See the notes to required supplementary information for detail.

**Capital Assets**

As of June 30, 2021, the Commission had capital assets of \$18,941 invested in furniture and equipment. The Commission had \$15,895 in additions for laptops purchased with COVID-19 Cares Act federal grant funding during fiscal year 2021. See Note 4 for additional information on capital assets.

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**Current Financial Issues**

The largest portion of the Commission’s budget is associated with its transportation planning program. The Federal Transportation legislation must be renewed every six (6) years; however, it is seemingly never renewed on schedule. It often goes forward on a continuing resolution, creating some uncertainty about the level of funding to be expected.

Funds are allocated to the Commission from various local sources, including county, municipal, township sources and the county engineer. A portion of the local funding is used to provide the required 10% local match for the transportation planning program. The balance supports local projects and planning initiatives, and costs that are ineligible for inclusion in the approved Cost Allocation Plan (CAP).

Special Financial Management Notes for Fiscal Year 2021

- 1) The Commission utilizes a Cost Allocation Plan (CAP) in order to allocate its fringe benefit costs and its indirect cost appropriately to all programs. The CAP is prepared under the oversight of the Ohio Department of Transportation, which serves as the cognizant agency. The Commission uses the “provisional method.” For fiscal year 2021, the Commission operated under an approved rate, recovering on the basis of direct time. With the provisional method, at the end of the Fiscal Year the actual fringe benefit cost and indirect costs are finalized, and a final rate is determined, and the costs are adjusted for over recovery or under recovery.

Cost Allocation Plan	Estimated FY 2021	Actual FY 2021
Fringe Benefit Rate	63.67%	51.95%
Indirect Cost Rate	51.76%	46.57%
Total Overhead Cost Rate	115.43%	98.52%

- 2) In accordance with government accounting standards, the RCRPC adopted a policy to anticipate the financial impact of retiring employees who will be eligible for some financial compensation for unused sick leave. A total of \$5,234 was booked in fiscal year 2021. The sick payable on retirement cannot be a part of a cost allocation plan until the year that the retirement distribution actually takes place.
- 3) The Commission incorporated “Program Assets” into its financial system several years prior to this fiscal year based on the recommendations of an extensive audit of its financial management and compliance procedures with Federal and State regulations and guidelines. This audit was conducted by the Ohio Department of Transportation of the Commission in its role as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Program assets are those pieces of capital equipment that are purchased entirely from specific program funds because usage is devoted to that project. A typical example is traffic counting equipment being purchased using transportation planning funds.

**Contacting the Commission’s Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Commission’s finances and to show the Commission’s accountability for the monies it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, please contact the Executive Director, Richland County Regional Planning Commission, 19 North Main Street, Mansfield, OH 44902, 419-774-5684.

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**RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2021

<b>Assets:</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash . . . . .	\$ 298,148
Receivables:	
Federal . . . . .	33,742
State . . . . .	15,161
Local government . . . . .	21,536
Coordination . . . . .	<u>77,837</u>
Total current assets . . . . .	<u>446,424</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Net pension asset . . . . .	2,243
Net OPEB asset . . . . .	38,749
Capital assets:	
Depreciable capital assets, net . . . . .	<u>18,941</u>
Total noncurrent assets . . . . .	<u>59,933</u>
Total assets . . . . .	<u>506,357</u>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources:</b>	
Pension - OPERS . . . . .	27,463
OPEB - OPERS . . . . .	<u>24,194</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources . . . . .	<u>51,657</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable . . . . .	45,090
Accrued wages and benefits . . . . .	19,359
Intergovernmental payable . . . . .	<u>2,983</u>
Total current liabilities . . . . .	<u>67,432</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Compensated absences payable . . . . .	18,549
Net pension liability . . . . .	<u>268,140</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities . . . . .	<u>286,689</u>
Total liabilities . . . . .	<u>354,121</u>
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<b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>	
Pension - OPERS . . . . .	135,283
OPEB - OPERS . . . . .	<u>119,786</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources . . . . .	<u>255,069</u>
<b>Net position:</b>	
Net investment in capital assets . . . . .	18,941
Unrestricted (deficit) . . . . .	<u>(70,117)</u>
Total net position (deficit) . . . . .	<u>\$ (51,176)</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND  
CHANGE IN NET POSITION  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

<b>Operating revenues:</b>	
Intergovernmental:	
Federal . . . . .	\$ 249,887
State . . . . .	41,790
Local governments. . . . .	97,692
Charges for services:	
Coordination. . . . .	454,112
Local. . . . .	103,059
Other . . . . .	23,768
	970,308
Total operating revenues . . . . .	
<b>Operating expenses:</b>	
Salaries and wages . . . . .	295,445
Employee benefits . . . . .	(172,496)
Staff expenses . . . . .	3,758
Equipment . . . . .	19,608
Supplies . . . . .	7,575
Contractual services . . . . .	13,671
Occupancy and other . . . . .	36,170
Coordination service. . . . .	388,032
Depreciation . . . . .	4,410
	596,173
Total operating expenses . . . . .	
Operating income. . . . .	
	374,135
<b>Non-operating revenues:</b>	
Capital contributions. . . . .	15,895
	15,895
Change in net position. . . . .	
	390,030
<b>Net position (deficit) at beginning of year . . . . .</b>	
	(441,206)
<b>Net position (deficit) at end of year. . . . .</b>	
	\$ (51,176)

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
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<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>	
Cash received from federal sources . . . . .	\$ 266,775
Cash received from state sources . . . . .	41,735
Cash received from local sources . . . . .	102,409
Cash received from coordination . . . . .	428,429
Cash received from other operating revenues. . . . .	103,059
Cash received from other operating revenues. . . . .	31,290
Cash payments to employees for services . . . . .	(445,204)
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services . . . . .	(465,135)
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Net cash provided by operating activities . . . . .	63,358
<b>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:</b>	
Capital contributions. . . . .	15,895
Acquisition of capital assets. . . . .	(15,895)
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Net cash used in capital and related financing activities . . . . .	-
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Net increase in cash. . . . .	63,358
<b>Cash at beginning of year . . . . .</b>	<b>234,790</b>
<b>Cash at end of year. . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 298,148</b>
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<b>Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>	
Operating income . . . . .	\$ 374,135
Adjustments:	
Depreciation . . . . .	4,410
(Increase) decrease in assets and deferred outflows:	
Accounts receivable . . . . .	(1,574)
Net pension asset . . . . .	(1,785)
Net OPEB asset . . . . .	(38,749)
Deferred outflows - pension . . . . .	22,976
Deferred outflows - OPEB . . . . .	24,021
Increase (decrease) in liabilities and deferred inflows:	
Accounts payable . . . . .	8,218
Accrued wages and benefits . . . . .	1,896
Intergovernmental payable. . . . .	297
Compensated absences payable . . . . .	2,304
Net pension liability . . . . .	(84,711)
Net OPEB liability . . . . .	(295,433)
Deferred inflows - pension . . . . .	6,232
Deferred inflows - OPEB . . . . .	41,121
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Net cash provided by operating activities. . . . .	\$ 63,358
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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY**

The Richland County Regional Planning Commission (the “Commission”) was organized in 1959 under Section 713.21 of the Ohio Revised Code to promote land use and transportation planning. The Commission provides services for the benefit of the local governments and operates under the control of the Planning Commission, which is the legislative Commission, comprised of representatives from political subdivisions and private businesses in Richland County.

In accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, “*The Reporting Entity*”, as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, “*Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*” and GASB Statement No. 61, “*The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*”, the Commission is not considered part of the Richland County financial reporting entity. There are no agencies or organizations for which the Commission is considered the primary government. Accordingly, the Commission is the sole organization of the reporting entity.

The Commission maintains its own set of accounting records. These financial statements were prepared from the accounts and financial records of the Commission and, accordingly, these financial statements do not present the financial position or results of operations of Richland County.

The accompanying financial statements have been designed to facilitate an understanding of the financial position and results of operations of the Commission. The activity of the Commission is determined by an overall work program which is approved by the Commission’s Board and the Ohio Department of Transportation. All revenue and related costs are accounted for on a project basis. The financial information contained in these statements is the responsibility of the Commission.

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the Commission have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental organizations. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Commission’s accounting policies are described below.

**A. Basis of Presentation**

Enterprise accounting is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges or where it has been decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

**B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by its measurement focus. Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets, deferred outflow of resources, liabilities and deferred inflow of resources are included on the Statement of Net Position. Operating statements present increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net total position.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the financial records and reported in the financial statements. The Commission's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded when the exchange takes place. Revenues resulting from non-exchange transactions, in which the Commission receives value without directly giving equal value in return, such as grants and entitlements, are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the fiscal year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the Commission must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Commission on a reimbursement basis. Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

A deferred inflow of resources is an acquisition of net position and net OPEB by the Commission that is applicable to a future reporting period. The Commission reports deferred inflow of resources for the following items related to the Commission's net pension liability and net OPEB liability/asset: (1) differences between expected and actual experience, (2) changes of assumptions, (3) the net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan assets, and (3) differences between employer's contributions and the employer's proportional share of contributions.

A deferred outflow of resources is a consumption of net position by the Commission that is applicable to a future reporting period. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. For the Commission, deferred outflows of resources have been reported for the following items related to the Commission's net pension liability and net OPEB liability/asset: (1) differences between expected and actual experience, (2) the net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan assets, (3) changes of assumptions, (4) changes in employer's proportionate percentage/difference between employer contributions, and (5) the Commission's contributions to the pension/OPEB systems subsequent to the measurement date.

**C. Cash Deposits**

As required by Section 713.21, Ohio Revised Code, the Commission must deposit all receipts in the Richland County Treasury. The County Treasurer maintains a cash and investment pool used for all County and Commission funds. The Commission has no other cash deposits or investments and does not receive interest income on its cash balances held in the County Treasury.

Protection of the County's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment by Surety Company bonds deposited with the treasurer by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

**D. Investments**

The Ohio Revised Code does not provide the Commission the power to make or hold investments other than the deposits in the Richland County Treasury explained above.

**E. Capital Assets and Depreciation**

Furniture and equipment items are stated at cost and are depreciated on the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives that range from three to twenty years. Donated furniture and equipment is recorded at fair market value on the date donated. Upon sale or disposition of furniture and equipment, the cost and related depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is recognized.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**F. Indirect Costs and Fringe Benefits**

Indirect costs are computed in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200 under a cost allocation plan approved by the Ohio Department of Transportation. The Commission utilizes the Provisional Method to calculate over/ (underpayments) by the Ohio Department of Transportation. Under this method, an estimated or temporary overhead rate is calculated for the fiscal year. This rate is used for funding, interim reimbursement, and reporting indirect costs on Federal awards for the period. At the end of the fiscal year, an actual indirect cost rate is calculated. The entity then invoices or reimburses each funding agency for any under or over recovery. Under this method, there is no carry forward provision.

**G. Budgetary Accounting**

The accounting principles employed by the Commission in its budgetary accounting and reporting are the same as those used to present financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Outlined below are the annual procedures the Commission follows to establish the expense data reported in the financial statements:

In December or January, the Commission receives a preliminary indication of the funding mark from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

In January and February, the Commission begins drafting the Overall Work Program (OWP) for the coming fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). The funding resources from FHWA, FTA and ODOT are assigned to appropriate work elements. Remaining anticipated local funds are allocated to local service work elements. The OWP also incorporates activities and funding that support the various services provided by the Commission.

By April, the Commission receives feedback on the draft OWP, and is aware of the appropriation from the two largest local governments (the City of Mansfield and Richland County). The final OWP is prepared, including work elements to be completed, the costs associated with each of these elements, the staff resources and time allocation necessary to complete the work program, and the other direct and indirect costs associated with the work program, and the operation of the Planning Commission. Final approval on the OWP is made by the Commission at its May meeting, and generally ODOT/ FHWA /FTA approval comes near the start of the fiscal year.

The OWP is the instrument in which the Indirect Cost Allocation Plan is presented allocating indirect costs to all programs on the basis of a percentage of direct time.

In June of each year, the Executive Committee reviews a budget drawn from the OWP. This budget lists anticipated expenses by type as well as by program.

Budget categories for expense are salaries (including vacation, holidays and sick time), payroll additives, expenses, equipment, supplies, contractual and occupancy.

The Executive Committee meets monthly and reviews a financial report which presents monthly expenses by type and program, as well as for the fiscal year to date. It also tracks the actual indirect costs and provides a comparison to the OWP approved rate.

Throughout the year, the Executive Committee has the opportunity to amend the approved budget if it appears that the original estimates were incorrect. Generally, if an amendment is required, the Commission will try to make it near the end of the fiscal year.

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**H. Cash Equivalents**

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the Commission considers all cash held by the Richland County Treasury to be cash equivalents since they are available to the Commission upon demand.

**I. Compensated Absences**

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The Commission records a liability for all accumulated unused vacation time when earned or all employees with more than one year of service.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vested method. The Commission records a liability for those employees with twenty years of service at the Commission or at age 55 for those who will have ten years of service by the age of 60 up to a maximum of thirty days.

**J. Operating Revenues (Expenses)**

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activities. For the Commission, these revenues are primarily membership fees from participating subdivisions and operating grants from federal, state, and local governments. Operating expenses are cost incurred to provide the good or service that is the primary activity of the Commission. Revenues and expenses not meeting the definition are reported as non-operating.

**K. Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

**L. Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows. The net position component "investment in capital assets", consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position.

The Commission applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

**M. Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, net pension/OPEB asset, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related pensions/OPEB, and pension/OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension/OPEB plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension/OPEB plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension/OPEB plans report investments at fair value.

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**NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE**

**Change in Accounting Principles**

For fiscal year 2021, the Commission has applied GASB Statement No. 95, "Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance." GASB Statement No. 95 provides temporary relief to governments and other stakeholders in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. This objective is accomplished by postponing the effective dates of certain provisions in Statements and Implementation Guides that first became effective or are scheduled to become effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2018, and later.

Certain provisions contained in the following pronouncements were scheduled to be implemented for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Due to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 95, the effective dates of certain provisions contained in these pronouncements are postponed until the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022:

- Statement No. 87, *Leases*
- Implementation Guide No. 2019-3, *Leases*
- Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*
- Statement No. 92, *Omnibus 2020*
- Statement No. 93, *Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*

**NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

A summary of the Commission's capital assets at June 30, 2021 is as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>06/30/20</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>06/30/21</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Furniture and equipment	\$ 44,188	\$ 15,895	\$ (2,545)	\$ 57,538
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(36,732)</u>	<u>(4,410)</u>	<u>2,545</u>	<u>(38,597)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated:	<u>\$ 7,456</u>	<u>\$ 11,485</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 18,941</u>

**NOTE 5 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

The Statewide retirement systems provide both pension benefits and other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

***Net Pension Liability/Asset and Net OPEB Asset***

Pensions and OPEB are a component of exchange transactions - between an employer and its employees - of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee - on a deferred-payment basis - as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period.

The net pension liability/asset and the net OPEB asset represent the Commission's proportionate share of each pension/OPEB plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension/OPEB liability/asset calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost-of-living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

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**NOTE 5 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

Ohio Revised Code limits the Commission's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The Commission cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions/OPEB are financed; however, the Commission does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension and OPEB.

GASB 68/75 assumes the liability/asset is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes pension costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. In addition, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the pension amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, the retirement systems to provide health care to eligible benefit recipients.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term net pension/OPEB asset. Any liability for the contractually required pension/OPEB contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in intergovernmental payable.

The remainder of this note includes the pension disclosures. See Note 6 for the OPEB disclosures.

***Plan Description - Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)***

Plan Description - Commission employees participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan and the combined plan is a combination cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit/defined contribution pension plan. Participating employers are divided into state, local, law enforcement and public safety divisions. While members in the state and local divisions may participate in all three plans, law enforcement and public safety divisions exist only within the traditional plan. Commission employees contribute to OPERS' Traditional and 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. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members in the traditional and combined plans were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group. The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the traditional and combined plans as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS Annual Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

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<b>Group A</b> Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	<b>Group B</b> 20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	<b>Group C</b> Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
<b>State and Local</b>	<b>State and Local</b>	<b>State and Local</b>
<b>Age and Service Requirements:</b> Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	<b>Age and Service Requirements:</b> Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	<b>Age and Service Requirements:</b> Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit
<b>Traditional Plan Formula:</b> 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	<b>Traditional Plan Formula:</b> 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	<b>Traditional Plan Formula:</b> 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35
<b>Combined Plan Formula:</b> 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	<b>Combined Plan Formula:</b> 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	<b>Combined Plan Formula:</b> 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 35

Final Average Salary (FAS) represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member's career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member's career.

Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount. The initial amount of a member's pension benefit is vested upon receipt of the initial benefit payment for calculation of an annual cost-of-living adjustment.

When a traditional plan benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, current law provides for an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. Members retiring under the combined plan receive a cost-of-living adjustment on the defined benefit portion of their pension benefit. For those who retired prior to January 7, 2013, the cost of living adjustment is 3 percent. For those retiring subsequent to January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, current law provides that the COLA will be based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3.00%.

Defined contribution plan benefits are established in the plan documents, which may be amended by the Board. Member-directed plan and combined plan members who have met the retirement eligibility requirements may apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the combined plan consists of the member's contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the member's investment selections. Combined plan members wishing to receive benefits must meet the requirements for both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Member-directed participants must have attained the age of 55, have money on deposit in the defined contribution plan and have terminated public service to apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the member-directed plan consists of the members' contributions, vested employer contributions and investment gains or losses resulting from the members' investment selections. Employer contributions and associated investment earnings vest over a five-year period, at a rate of 20 percent each year. At retirement, members may select one of several distribution options for payment of the vested balance in their individual OPERS accounts. Options include the annuitization of the benefit (which includes joint and survivor options), partial lump-sum payments (subject to limitations), a rollover of the vested account balance to another financial institution, receipt of entire account balance, net of taxes withheld, or a combination of these options.

Beginning in 2022, the Combined Plan will be consolidated under the Traditional Pension Plan (defined benefit plan) and the Combined Plan option will no longer be available for new hires beginning in 2022.



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**NOTE 5 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	<u>Traditional and Combined Plan State &amp; Local</u>	<u>Member- Directed Plan State &amp; Local</u>
<b>2021 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates</b>		
Employer	14.0 %	14.0 %
Employee *	10.0 %	10.0 %
<b>2021 Actual Contribution Rates</b>		
Employer:		
Pension	14.0 %	10.0 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits	<u>0.0 %</u>	<u>4.0</u>
Total Employer	<u>14.0 %</u>	<u>14.0 %</u>
Employee	<u>10.0 %</u>	<u>10.0 %</u>

\* This rate is determined by OPERS' Board and has no maximum rate established by ORC.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll.

The Commission's contractually required contribution for the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Pension Plan was \$44,713 for fiscal year 2021. Of this amount, \$2,536 is reported in intergovernmental payable at June 30, 2021.

***Net Pension Liability/Asset, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions***

The net pension liability/asset for OPERS was measured as of December 31, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability/asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Commission's proportion of the net pension liability/asset was based on the Commission's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities.

Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>OPERS Traditional</u>	<u>OPERS Member- Directed</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the net pension liability/asset - prior measurement date	0.00178517%	0.01210656%	
Proportion of the net pension liability/asset - current measurement date	<u>0.00181080%</u>	<u>0.01230239%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>0.00002563%</u>	<u>0.00019583%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 268,140	\$ -	\$ 268,140
Proportionate share of the net pension (asset)	-	(2,243)	(2,243)
Pension expense	(33,282)	(1,609)	(34,891)

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At June 30, 2021, the Commission reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	OPERS Traditional	OPERS Member- Directed	Total
<b>Deferred outflows of resources:</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 1,544	\$ 1,544
Changes of assumptions	-	62	62
Changes in employer's proportionate percentage/ difference between employer contributions	3,460	-	3,460
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	18,557	3,840	22,397
Total deferred outflows of resources	\$ 22,017	\$ 5,446	\$ 27,463
	OPERS Traditional	OPERS Member- Directed	Total
<b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 11,217	\$ -	\$ 11,217
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	104,514	244	104,758
Changes in employer's proportionate percentage/ difference between employer contributions	19,308	-	19,308
Total deferred inflows of resources	\$ 135,039	\$ 244	\$ 135,283

\$22,397 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from Commission contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability/asset in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

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Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending December 31:	OPERS - Traditional	OPERS - Member- Directed	Total
2022	\$ (61,132)	\$ 171	\$ (60,961)
2023	(13,590)	207	(13,383)
2024	(42,603)	160	(42,443)
2025	(14,254)	184	(14,070)
2026	-	189	189
Thereafter	-	451	451
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (131,579)</b>	<b>\$ 1,362</b>	<b>\$ (130,217)</b>

**Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS**

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial-reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2020, using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67.

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, prepared as of December 31, 2020, are presented below for the Traditional Pension Plan.

Measurement and valuation date	December 31, 2020
Experience study	5 year period ended December 31, 2015
Actuarial cost method	Individual age entry
Actuarial cost assumptions:	
Investment rate of return - current measurement date	7.20%
Wage inflation	3.25%
Projected salary increases	3.25%-10.75% (includes wage inflation at 3.25%)
Cost of living adjustments	Pre 1/7/2013 retirees: 3.00% simple Post 1/7/2013 retirees: 0.50% simple through 2021, then 2.15% simple

In October 2020, the OPERS Board adopted a change in COLA for Post-January 7, 2013 retirees, changing it from 1.40% simple through 2020 then 2.15% simple to 0.50% simple through 2021 the 2.15% simple.

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Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Employees mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the RP-2014 Disabled mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2015 mortality improvement scale to all of the above described tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2015.

During 2020, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio, and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio contains the investment assets for the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. Within the Defined Benefit portfolio, contributions into the plans are all recorded at the same time, and benefit payments all occur on the first of the month. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Defined Benefit portfolio was 11.70% for 2020.

The allocation of investment assets with the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The long-term expected rate of return on defined benefit investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant.

For each major asset class that is included in the Defined Benefit portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2020, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)
Fixed income	25.00 %	1.32 %
Domestic equities	21.00	5.64
Real estate	10.00	5.39
Private equity	12.00	10.42
International equities	23.00	7.36
Other investments	9.00	4.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>	<b>5.43 %</b>

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**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.20%, post-experience study results, for the Traditional Pension Plan, the Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan. The discount rate used to measure total pension liability prior to December 31, 2020 was 7.20%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers are made at the contractually required rates, as actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefits payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**Sensitivity of the Commission's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/Asset to Changes in the Discount Rate** - The following table presents the proportionate share of the net pension liability/asset calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.20%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability/asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.20%) or one-percentage-point higher (8.20%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
Commission's proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset):			
Traditional Pension Plan	\$ 511,479	\$ 268,140	\$ 65,804
Member-Directed Plan	(1,968)	(2,243)	(2,460)

**NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS**

**Net OPEB Asset**

See Note 5 for a description of the net OPEB asset.

**Plan Description - Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)**

**Plan Description** - The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan, a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust, which funds multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage and deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement to qualifying benefit recipients of both the traditional pension and the combined plans. This trust is also used to fund health care for member-directed plan participants, in the form of a Retiree Medical Account (RMA). At retirement or refund, member directed plan participants may be eligible for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses from their vested RMA balance.

In order to qualify for postemployment health care coverage, age and service retirees under the traditional pension and combined plans must have twenty 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 75. See OPERS' Annual Report referenced below for additional information.

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The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority allowing public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS' Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans. Beginning in 2018, OPERS no longer allocated a portion of its employer contributions to health care for the traditional plan and the combined plan.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2021, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.00% of earnable salary and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.10%. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. As recommended by OPERS' actuary, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care was 0.00% for the Traditional and Combined plans. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA for participants in the Member-Directed Plan for 2021 was 4.00%. Commission employee members contribute to OPERS' Traditional Pension Plan and Member-Directed Plan.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The Commission's contractually required contribution was \$3,067 for fiscal year 2021. Of this amount, \$174 is reported as intergovernmental payable at June 30, 2021.

***Net OPEB Asset, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows or Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB***

The net OPEB asset for OPERS were determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2019, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2020, by incorporating the expected value of health care cost accruals, the actual health care payment, and interest accruals during the year. The Commission's proportion of the net OPEB asset was based on the Commission's share of contributions to the retirement plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities.

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Following is information related to the proportionate share and OPEB expense:

	OPERS
Proportion of the net OPEB liability - prior measurement date	0.00213886%
Proportion of the net OPEB asset - current measurement date	<u>0.00217495%</u>
Change in proportionate share	<u>0.00003609%</u>
Proportionate share of the net OPEB (asset)	\$ (38,749)
OPEB expense	(267,505)

At June 30, 2021, the Commission reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	OPERS
<b>Deferred outflows of resources:</b>	
Changes of assumptions	\$ 19,050
Changes in employer's proportionate percentage/ difference between employer contributions	3,609
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>1,535</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 24,194</u>

	OPERS
<b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 34,970
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	20,636
Changes of assumptions	62,784
Changes in employer's proportionate percentage/ difference between employer contributions	<u>1,396</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 119,786</u>

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Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	OPERS
Year Ending December 31:	
2022	\$ (51,052)
2023	(34,676)
2024	(8,967)
2025	(2,432)
Total	\$ (97,127)

***Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS***

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of health care costs for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of coverage provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of costs between OPERS and plan members. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2019, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2020.

The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 74:

Actuarial valuation date	December 31, 2019
Roll-forward measurement date	December 31, 2020
Experience study	5 year period ended December 31, 2015
Actuarial cost method	Individual age entry
Actuarial cost assumptions:	
Single discount rate:	
Current measurement date	6.00%
Prior measurement date	3.16%
Investment rate of return:	
Current measurement date	6.00%
Prior measurement date	6.00%
Municipal bond rate	
Current measurement date	2.00%
Prior measurement date	2.75%
Wage inflation	3.25%
Projected salary increases	3.25%-10.75% (includes wage inflation at 3.25%)
Health care cost trend:	
Current measurement date	8.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2035
Prior measurement date	10.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2030



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Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Employees mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the RP-2014 Disabled mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2015 mortality improvement scale to all of the above described tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2015.

The long-term expected rate of return on health care investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation.

During 2020, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Health Care portfolio includes the assets for health care expenses for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan eligible members. Within the Health Care portfolio, if any contribution are made into the plans, the contributions are assumed to be received continuously throughout the year based on the actual payroll payable at the time contributions are made. Health care-related payments are assumed to occur mid-year. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Health Care portfolio was 10.50% for 2020.

The allocation of investment assets within the Health Care portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of continuing to offer a sustainable health care program for current and future retirees. OPERS' primary goal is to achieve and maintain a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined pension plans. Health care is a discretionary benefit. The long-term expected rate of return on health care investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation.

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For each major asset class that is included in the Health Care's portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2020, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)</u>
Fixed Income	34.00 %	1.07 %
Domestic Equities	25.00	5.64
Real Estate Investment Trust	7.00	6.48
International Equities	25.00	7.36
Other investments	9.00	4.02
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	<u>4.43 %</u>

**Discount Rate** - A single discount rate of 6.00% was used to measure the total OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2020. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present value using a single discount rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments (to the extent that the health care fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) a tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20- year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate are not met). This single discount rate was based on the actuarial assumed rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6.00% and a municipal bond rate of 2.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on these assumptions, the health care fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance health care costs through the year 2120. As a result, the actuarial assumed long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through the year 2120, the duration of the projection period through which projected health care payments are fully funded.

**Change in Benefit Terms** - On January 15, 2020, the Board approved several changes to the health care plan offered to Medicare and non-Medicare retirees in efforts to decrease costs and increase the solvency of the health care Plan. These changes are effective January 1, 2022 and include changes to base allowances and eligibility for Medicare retirees, as well as replacing OPERS-sponsored medical plans for non-Medicare retirees with monthly allowances, similar to the program for Medicare retirees. These changes are not reflected in the current year financial statements, however, they are reflected in the December 31, 2020 measurement date health care valuation. These changes significantly decreased the total OPEB liability for the measurement date December 31, 2020.

**Sensitivity of the Commission's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Discount Rate** - The following table presents the proportionate share of the net OPEB asset calculated using the single discount rate of 6.00%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net OPEB asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (5.00%) or one-percentage-point higher (7.00%) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Commission's proportionate share of the net OPEB (asset)	\$ (9,635)	\$ (38,749)	\$ (62,682)

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**NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)**

*Sensitivity of the Commission's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate* - Changes in the health care cost trend rate may also have a significant impact on the net OPEB asset. The following table presents the net OPEB asset calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB asset if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.00% lower or 1.00% higher than the current rate.

Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost-trend assumption that changes over several years built into the assumption. The near-term rates reflect increases in the current cost of health care; the trend starting in 2021 is 8.50%. If this trend continues for future years, the projection indicates that years from now virtually all expenditures will be for health care. A more reasonable alternative is that in the not-too-distant future, the health plan cost trend will decrease to a level at, or near, wage inflation. On this basis, the actuaries project premium rate increases will continue to exceed wage inflation for approximately the next decade, but by less each year, until leveling off at an ultimate rate, assumed to be 3.50% in the most recent valuation.

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Health Care Trend Rate Assumption</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Commission's proportionate share of the net OPEB (asset)	\$ (39,693)	\$ (38,749)	\$ (37,692)

**NOTE 7 - LONG TERM LIABILITIES**

The activity of the Commission's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2021 are as follows:

	<u>Balance at 06/30/20</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance at 06/30/21</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Compensated absences	\$ 16,245	\$ 50,196	\$ (47,892)	\$ 18,549	\$ -
Net pension liability	352,851	-	(84,711)	268,140	-
Net OPEB liability	<u>295,433</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(295,433)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total long-term obligations	<u>\$ 664,529</u>	<u>\$ 50,196</u>	<u>\$ (428,036)</u>	<u>\$ 286,689</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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**NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft or damage to and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. Through Richland County, the Commission maintained coverage with the County Risk Sharing Commission (CORSA), as follows:

General Liability:	Limit: \$1,000,000 per Occurrence - No Annual Aggregate
Auto Liability:	Limit: \$1,000,000 per Occurrence - No Annual Aggregate
Crime Coverage:	\$1,000,000 Limit - \$25,000 Deductible
Property Coverage:	Combined Limits: Property Damage, Business Income, Extra Expense, Service Interruption - \$100,000,000 each breakdown Real and Personal Property - Replacement Cost
Excess Liability:	Richland County \$5,000,000 per Occurrence - No Annual Aggregate
Errors & Omissions Liability:	\$1,000,000 per Occurrence - \$1,000,000 Annual Aggregate \$100,000 each Occurrence - Back Wages
Law Enforcement Liability:	\$1,000,000 per Occurrence - No Annual Aggregate
Ohio Stop Gap Employers' Liability	\$1,000,000 per Occurrence - No Annual Aggregate
Employee Benefits Liability	\$1,000,000 per Occurrence - No Annual Aggregate
Privacy/Security/Liability Expenses	\$1,000,000 per Occurrence - \$1,000,000 Annual Aggregate

Settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There has not been a significant reduction in coverage from the prior year.

**NOTE 9 - RISK SHARING POOL**

Through Richland County, the Commission participates in the County Risk Sharing Commission, Inc. (CORSA), a risk sharing pool made up of sixty-two member counties. CORSA was formed as an Ohio nonprofit corporation for the purpose of establishing the CORSA Insurance/Self-Insurance Program, a group primary and excess insurance/self-insurance and risk management program. Member counties agree to jointly participate in coverage of losses and pay all contributions necessary for the specified insurance coverage provided by CORSA. This coverage includes comprehensive general liability, automobile liability, certain property insurance and public officials' errors and omissions liability insurance.

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**NOTE 9 - RISK SHARING POOL - (Continued)**

Each member county has one vote on all matters requiring a vote, to be cast by a designated representative. The affairs of the Corporation are managed by an elected board of not more than nine trustees. Only county commissioners of member counties are eligible to serve on the board. No county may have more than one representative on the board at any one time. Each member county's control over the budgeting and financial of CORSAs is limited to its voting Commission and any representation it may have on the board of trustees. CORSAs have issued certificate of participation in order to provide adequate cash reserves. The certificates are secured by the member counties' obligations to make coverage payments to CORSAs. The participating counties have no responsibility for the payment of certificates. The Commission does not have any equity interest in CORSAs since the Commission is included as a part of Richland County.

**NOTE 10 - CONTINGENCIES**

Federal and State contracts are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies or their designees. Such audits could lead to requests for reimbursement to the grantor agency for expenses disallowed under terms of the grant. There are no such claims pending and no known situations which would lead to such a claim. In addition, based upon prior experience and audit results, management believes that such disallowances, if any, would be immaterial.

In the normal course of its business activities, the Commission may become subject to claims and litigation relating to contracts, employment or other matters. In the opinion of management, the resolution of any such claims pending would not likely have a material impact on the Commission's financial position.

**NOTE 11 - COVID-19**

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June of 2021 while the national state of emergency continues. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the Commission. The pension and other employee benefits plan in which the Commission participate fluctuates with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of gains or losses that will be realized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined. In addition, the impact on the Commission's future operating costs, revenues, and additional recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE COMMISSION'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF  
THE NET PENSION LIABILITY/(ASSET)  
OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<i>Traditional Plan:</i>				
Commission's proportion of the net pension liability/(asset)	0.00181080%	0.00178517%	0.00220768%	0.00191180%
Commission's proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset)	\$ 268,140	\$ 352,851	\$ 604,638	\$ 299,924
Commission's covered-employee payroll	\$ 256,536	\$ 272,271	\$ 263,933	\$ 293,608
Commission's proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	104.52%	129.60%	229.09%	102.15%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability/(asset)	86.88%	82.17%	74.70%	84.66%
<i>Member Directed Plan:</i>				
Commission's proportion of the net pension (asset_	0.01230239%	0.01210656%	0.01340133%	0.02290947%
Commission's proportionate share of the net pension (asset)	\$ (2,243)	\$ (458)	\$ (305)	\$ (800)
Commission's covered-employee payroll	\$ 73,500	\$ 69,950	\$ 100,896	\$ 97,400
Commission's proportionate share of the net pension (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	3.05%	0.65%	0.30%	0.82%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension (asset)	188.21%	118.84%	113.42%	124.46%

Note: Information prior to 2013 was unavailable. The schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Note: Information prior to 2016 was not available for the Member Directed Plan.

Amounts presented as of the Commission's measurement date which is December 31.

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
0.00249855%	0.00347920%	0.00391500%	0.00391500%
\$ 567,379	\$ 602,641	\$ 472,185	\$ 406,569
\$ 319,150	\$ 436,625	\$ 449,150	\$ 397,238
177.78%	138.02%	105.13%	102.35%
77.25%	81.08%	86.45%	86.36%
0.02476772%			
\$ (103)			
\$ 105,875			
0.10%			
103.40%			

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SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF COMMISSION PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS  
OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

LAST NINE FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<i>Traditional Plan:</i>				
Contractually required contribution	\$ 37,047	\$ 35,915	\$ 38,118	\$ 35,631
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(37,047)</u>	<u>(35,915)</u>	<u>(38,118)</u>	<u>(35,631)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Commission's covered-employee payroll	\$ 264,621	\$ 256,536	\$ 272,271	\$ 263,933
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.50%
<i>Member Directed Plan:</i>				
Contractually required contribution	\$ 7,666	\$ 7,350	\$ 6,995	\$ 13,621
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(7,666)</u>	<u>(7,350)</u>	<u>(6,995)</u>	<u>(13,621)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Commission's covered-employee payroll	\$ 76,660	\$ 73,500	\$ 69,950	\$ 100,896
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	13.50%

Note: Information prior to 2013 was unavailable. The Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Note: Information prior to 2016 was not available for the Member Directed Plan.

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
\$ 36,701	\$ 38,298	\$ 52,395	\$ 53,898	\$ 51,641
<u>(36,701)</u>	<u>(38,298)</u>	<u>(52,395)</u>	<u>(53,898)</u>	<u>(51,641)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 293,608	\$ 319,150	\$ 436,625	\$ 449,150	\$ 397,238
12.50%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	13.00%
\$ 12,175	\$ 12,705			
<u>(12,175)</u>	<u>(12,705)</u>			
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>			
\$ 97,400	\$ 105,875			
12.50%	12.00%			

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SCHEDULE OF THE COMMISSION'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF  
THE NET OPEB LIABILITY/(ASSET)  
OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

LAST FIVE FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Commission's proportion of the net OPEB liability/(asset)	0.00217495%	0.00213886%	0.00258395%	0.00267099%
Commission's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/(asset)	\$ (38,749)	\$ 295,433	\$ 336,885	\$ 290,049
Commission's covered-employee payroll	\$ 330,036	\$ 342,221	\$ 364,829	\$ 391,008
Commission's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/(asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	11.74%	86.33%	92.34%	74.18%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability/(asset)	115.57%	46.33%	46.33%	54.14%

Note: Information prior to 2016 was unavailable. The schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Amounts presented as of the Commission's measurement date which is December 31.

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**2016**

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0.00310146%

\$ 313,258

\$ 425,025

73.70%

54.14%

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SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF COMMISSION OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS  
OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

LAST NINE FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 3,067	\$ 2,940	\$ 2,798	\$ 1,824
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(3,067)</u>	<u>(2,940)</u>	<u>(2,798)</u>	<u>(1,824)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Commission's covered-employee payroll	\$ 341,281	\$ 330,036	\$ 342,221	\$ 364,829
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	0.90%	0.89%	0.82%	0.50%

Note: Information prior to 2013 was unavailable. The Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
\$ 5,865	\$ 8,501	\$ 7,485	\$ 6,468	\$ 11,226
<u>(5,865)</u>	<u>(8,501)</u>	<u>(7,485)</u>	<u>(6,468)</u>	<u>(11,226)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 391,008	\$ 425,025	\$ 436,625	\$ 449,150	\$ 397,238
1.50%	2.00%	1.71%	1.44%	2.83%

**RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

*OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)*

**DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN:**

*Changes in benefit terms:*

There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2014-2021.

*Changes in assumptions:*

There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal years 2014-2016. For fiscal year 2017, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date:

- (a) reduction in the actuarially assumed rate of return from 8.00% down to 7.50%
- (b) for defined benefit investments, decreasing the wage inflation from 3.75% to 3.25%
- (c) changing the future salary increases from a range of 4.25%-10.05% to 3.25%-10.75%.

There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2018.

For fiscal year 2019, the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date was the reduction in the actuarially assumed rate of return from 7.50% down to 7.20%.

There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal years 2020-2021.

**DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN:**

*Changes in benefit terms:*

There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2017-2020.

For fiscal year 2021, the the Board approved several changes to the health care plan offered to Medicare and non-Medicare retirees in efforts to decrease costs and increase the solvency of the health care plan. These changes are effective January 1, 2022 and include changes to base allowances and eligibility for Medicare retirees, as well as replacing OPERS-sponsored medical plans for non-Medicare retirees with monthly allowances, similar to the program for Medicare retirees. These changes are reflected in the December 31, 2020 measurement date health care valuation.

*Changes in assumptions:*

For fiscal year 2017, the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date was the reduction in the actuarially assumed rate of return from 4.23% down to 3.85%.

There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2018.

For fiscal year 2019, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- (a) increase in the discount rate from 3.85% up to 3.96%
- (b) decrease in the investment rate of return from 6.50% down to 6.00%
- (c) increase in the municipal bond rate from 3.31% to 3.71%
- (d) change in the health care cost trend rate from 7.50% initial, 3.25% ultimate in 2028 to 10.00% initial, 3.25 ultimate in 2029.

For fiscal year 2020, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- (a) decrease in the discount rate from 3.96% down to 3.16%
- (b) decrease in the municipal bond rate from 3.71% down to 2.75%
- (d) change in the health care cost trend rate from 10.00% initial, 3.25% ultimate in 2029 to 10.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2030.

For fiscal year 2021, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- (a) increase in the discount rate from 3.16% up to 6.00%
- (b) decrease in the municipal bond rate from 2.75% down to 2.00%
- (d) change in the health care cost trend rate from 10.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2030 to 8.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2035.



**RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**SCHEDULE OF DIRECT LABOR, FRINGE BENEFITS, AND GENERAL OVERHEAD**  
**July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

		ESTIMATED FY 2021	ACTUAL FY 2021	VARIANCE (OVER BUDGET) UNDER BUDGET	ESTIMATED FY 2021
<b>EMPLOYEE WAGES</b>					
<b>Indirect Labor</b>					
Acct. #	Acct. Name				
12	Indirect Labor	\$55,221.00	\$48,041.68	\$7,179.32	\$55,221.00
<b>Subtotal - Indirect Labor</b>		\$55,221.00	\$48,041.68	\$7,179.32	\$55,221.00
<b>Direct Labor</b>					
Acct. #	Acct. Name				
204.15	CDBG Admin & Fair Housing	\$11,281.00	\$18,048.44	(\$6,767.44)	\$11,281.00
206.1	District 16 OPWC	\$9,991.00	\$7,375.92	\$2,615.08	\$9,991.00
207.1	District 16 NRAC	\$4,223.00	\$2,521.07	\$1,701.93	\$4,223.00
601.1	Short Range Transportation Planning	\$47,152.90	\$45,135.14	\$2,017.76	\$47,152.90
602.1	TIP	\$25,490.48	\$16,435.46	\$9,055.02	\$25,490.48
605.1	Surveillance	\$51,720.10	\$29,081.91	\$22,638.19	\$51,720.10
610.1	Long Range Transportation Planning	\$13,817.40	\$2,579.86	\$11,237.54	\$13,817.40
625.1	Planning Assistance	\$13,891.90	\$3,787.00	\$10,104.90	\$13,891.90
630.1	Participation in Statewide Planning	\$2,694.70	\$1,303.10	\$1,391.60	\$2,694.70
697.1	Transportation Program Reporting	\$19,291.90	\$31,105.88	(\$11,813.98)	\$19,291.90
674.2	RCTB General	\$39,982.00	\$48,728.63	(\$8,746.63)	\$39,982.00
674.4	Agency Coordination	\$30,994.00	\$29,117.25	\$1,876.75	\$30,994.00
901.1	Local Service	\$11,027.00	\$12,182.85	(\$1,155.85)	\$11,027.00
<b>Subtotal - Direct Labor</b>		\$281,557.38	\$247,402.51	\$34,154.87	\$281,557.38
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE WAGES</b>		\$336,778.38	\$295,444.19	\$41,334.19	\$336,778.38
<b>FRINGE BENEFITS COST CENTER</b>					
<b>Paid Leave</b>					
Acct. #	Acct. Name				
211	Holiday Leave Taken	\$14,862.00	\$13,747.50	\$1,114.50	\$14,862.00
2122	Vacation Leave Accrued	\$22,994.00	\$21,130.61	\$1,863.39	\$22,994.00
221	Sick Leave Taken & pd at retirement	\$17,786.00	\$12,957.12	\$4,828.88	\$17,786.00
<b>Subtotal - Paid Leave</b>		\$55,642.00	\$47,835.23	\$7,806.77	\$55,642.00
<b>Other Fringe Benefits</b>					
Acct. #	Acct. Name				
22	PERS (Employer Share)	\$54,583.00	\$47,547.05	\$7,035.95	\$54,583.00
23	Workers Compensation	\$3,000.00	(\$7,029.54)	\$10,029.54	\$3,000.00
24	Medicare	\$6,000.00	\$4,812.52	\$1,187.48	\$6,000.00
251	Health Ins., Dental, VEBA, & Buyout	\$93,872.00	\$59,443.44	\$34,428.56	\$93,872.00
252	Life - County	\$120.00	\$78.70	\$41.30	\$120.00
253	Life - RCRPC	\$1,200.00	\$804.00	\$396.00	\$1,200.00
<b>Subtotal - Other Fringe</b>		\$158,775.00	\$105,656.17	\$53,118.83	\$158,775.00
<b>TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS</b>		\$214,417.00	\$153,491.40	\$60,925.60	\$214,417.00

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**July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

		ESTIMATED FY 2021	ACTUAL FY 2021	VARIANCE (OVER BUDGET) UNDER BUDGET	ESTIMATED FY 2021
<b>INDIRECT COST CENTER - NON-LABOR</b>					
Acct. #	Acct. Name				
311	Mileage, parking Reimbursement	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
313	Lodging Reimbursement	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
32.02	Vehicle Exp Applied by WE miles	\$100.00	\$1.15	\$98.85	\$100.00
33	Professional Memberships	\$500.00	\$440.00	\$60.00	\$500.00
34	Local Registration/Conference	\$300.00	\$20.00	\$280.00	\$300.00
35	Other Registration/Conference	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
36	RCRPC Meeting expense	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
37	Parking for staff and agency vehicle	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
41	Leases - Copy Service	\$2,200.00	\$2,159.14	\$40.86	\$2,200.00
43	Purchases	\$3,000.00	\$673.81	\$2,326.19	\$3,000.00
44	Depreciation	\$1,500.00	\$1,106.46	\$393.54	\$1,500.00
51	Office (supplies, etc.)	\$3,000.00	\$1,122.87	\$1,877.13	\$3,000.00
53	Postage	\$600.00	\$214.71	\$385.29	\$600.00
55	Publications	\$400.00	\$168.40	\$231.60	\$400.00
56	Software	\$200.00	\$232.91	(\$32.91)	\$200.00
62	Legal Services & Public Notices	\$500.00	\$42.80	\$457.20	\$500.00
64	Other Consultants & Misc.	\$3,000.00	\$255.73	\$2,744.27	\$3,000.00
71	Occupancy - Rent	\$35,000.00	\$33,706.19	\$1,293.81	\$35,000.00
73	Occupancy - telephones	\$2,000.00	\$2,463.74	(\$463.74)	\$2,000.00
4300	Non-Budgeted Revenue	(\$200.00)	(\$403.61)	\$203.61	(\$200.00)
<b>TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS - NON-LABOR</b>		<u>\$55,350.00</u>	<u>\$42,204.30</u>	<u>\$13,145.70</u>	<u>\$55,350.00</u>
<b>FRINGE BENEFIT COST RATE CALCULATION</b>					
TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	A	\$214,417	\$153,491		\$214,417
TOTAL EMPLOYEE WAGES	B	\$336,778	\$295,444		\$336,778
<b>FRINGE BENEFIT COST RATE</b>		<b>63.67%</b>	<b>51.95%</b>	<b>A ÷ B</b>	<b>63.67%</b>
<b>FRINGE BENEFIT COST RECOVERY COMPARISON FY 2021</b>					
Should have recovered in fiscal year	+		\$128,532	Actual DL * Actual Fringe Rate	
Amount actually recovered in fiscal year	-		\$157,514	Actual DL * Estimated Fringe Rate	
Prior Year Net (Over) / Under Recovery	+		\$0		
Prior Year (Over) / Under Recovery Posted to Cost Center	-		\$0		
(Over) / Under Recovery of Fringe Benefits	=		(\$28,982)		
<b>FRINGE BENEFITS COST DISTRIBUTION</b>					
INDIRECT LABOR FRINGE BENEFITS		\$35,158	\$24,959		\$35,158
DIRECT LABOR FRINGE BENEFITS		\$179,259	\$128,532		\$179,259
TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS		<u>\$214,417</u>	<u>\$153,491</u>		<u>\$214,417</u>
<b>INDIRECT COST RATE CALCULATION</b>					
INDIRECT LABOR		\$55,221	\$48,042		\$55,221
INDIRECT FRINGE BENEFITS		\$35,158	\$24,959		\$35,158
OTHER INDIRECT COSTS		\$55,350	\$42,204		\$55,350
TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS	A	<u>\$145,729</u>	<u>\$115,205</u>		<u>\$145,729</u>
TOTAL DIRECT LABOR COSTS * (see note 1)	B	\$281,557	\$247,403		\$281,557
<b>INDIRECT COST RATE</b>		<b>51.76%</b>	<b>46.57%</b>	<b>A ÷ B</b>	<b>51.76%</b>

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	ESTIMATED FY 2021	ACTUAL FY 2021	VARIANCE (OVER BUDGET) UNDER BUDGET	ESTIMATED FY 2021
<b>INDIRECT COST RECOVERY COMPARISON</b>				
<b>FY 2021</b>				
Should have recovered in fiscal year	+	\$115,205	Actual DL * Actual Indirect Rate	
Amount actually recovered in fiscal year	-	\$128,051	Actual DL * Estimated Indirect Rate	
Prior Year Net (Over) / Under Recovery	+	\$0		
Prior Year (Over) / Under Recovery Posted to Cost Center	-	\$0		
(Over) / Under Recovery of Indirect Costs	=	(\$12,846)		
<b>SUMMARY</b>				
	ESTIMATED FY 2021	ACTUAL FY 2021		ESTIMATED FY 2021
FRINGE BENEFIT COST RATE	63.67%	51.95%		63.667%
INDIRECT COST RATE	51.76%	46.57%		51.758%
<b>TOTAL OVERHEAD COST RATE</b>	<b>115.43%</b>	<b>98.52%</b>		<b>115.43%</b>

**Notes:**

- The direct labor associated with the County Engineer's GIS program is included in the total labor denominator for the calculation of the fringe benefits cost rate, but is not included in the direct labor denominator for the calculation of the indirect cost rate. This has been approved by ODOT as the U.S. DOT - FHWA and 2 CFR 200 recognized Pass-Through Entity for RCRPC's annual Cost Allocation Plan. The RCRPC and the County Engineer have a shared employee who is only on the payroll of the RCRPC but performs his work for the County Engineer at the offices of the County Engineer and not at the RCRPC office. Thus, an allocation of RCRPC indirect costs to this direct labor is not warranted. However, an allocation of fringe benefits costs is required.

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

Richland County Regional Planning Commission  
Richland County  
19 North Main Street  
Mansfield, Ohio 44902

To Members of the Commission:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the Richland County Regional Planning Commission, Richland County, Ohio (the Commission), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 22, 2022, wherein we noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the Commission.

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

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Commission's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinion on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

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 a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Commission's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Commission'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 financial statements. However, opining 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*.

***Purpose of this Report***

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Commission's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

June 22, 2022

# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**RICHLAND COUNTY**

**AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION**

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



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