

**PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(A Component Unit Of Pinellas
County, Florida)**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION, AND COMPLIANCE REPORTS

As of and for the Year Ended September 30, 2016

And Reports of Independent Auditor

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Board of Directors
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A Component Unit of Pinellas County, Florida
Clearwater, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (the "MPO"), a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the MPO's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization, as of September 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3-6 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the MPO's basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 28, 2017 on our consideration of the MPO's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 MPO's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Tampa, Florida
February 28, 2017

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

The Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (the "MPO") serves as the transportation planning agency for Pinellas County, Florida. It is a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida, and maintains a separate operating account to carry out its day-to-day transportation planning activities. Staff and support services to the MPO are provided by the Pinellas Planning Council (PPC). The MPO reimburses the PPC from its grant revenue for these services. The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners ("BCC") now provides a cash match for the local share of the MPO's federal planning grants. In addition to the BCC, the MPO receives funding from the Federal Highway Administration, the Florida Department of Transportation, the State of Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, and the Federal Transit Administration.

The MPO's annual financial report presents a narrative overview and an analysis of the financial activities of the MPO as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the MPO exceeded its liabilities at September 30, 2016 by \$1,103,055 (net position). Net position increased by \$900,539 from the previous fiscal year.
- As of September 30, 2016, the MPO's general fund reported an ending fund balance of \$1,063,668, an increase of \$908,668 from the previous fiscal year.
- As of September 30, 2016, the MPO's special revenue fund reported an ending fund balance of \$29,377, a decrease of \$11,421 from the previous fiscal year.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the MPO's basic financial statements. These basic statements consist of three sections: government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and the notes to the financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the MPO's overall financial status. These statements use a format similar to a private sector business. They include a statement of net position and a statement of activities.

The statement of net position presents information on the MPO's assets and liabilities. Net position, the difference between these assets and liabilities, is a useful way to measure the MPO's financial health.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the MPO's net position changed during this fiscal year. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid. This statement separates program revenue (charges for services, grants, and contributions) from general revenue.

Fund Financial Statements

Traditional users of governmental financial statements will find the fund financial statements presentation more familiar. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The MPO, like other governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The MPO uses a special revenue fund to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally or administratively restricted to expenditures relating to its federal and state grant awards. The MPO uses a general fund to account for all activities of the MPO, except for those included within the Special Revenue Fund.

**PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, this set of financial statements focuses on events that produce near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on the balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year and is a narrower focus than the government-wide financial statements.

By comparing functions between the two sets of statements for governmental funds and governmental activities, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison.

Budgetary information is not included in the accompanying financial statements as the MPO is not required to legally adopt a budget for its General or Special Revenue Fund.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to basic financial statements can be found on pages 13 through 18 of this report.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, changes in net position over time can be a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the end of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, the assets of the MPO exceeded liabilities by \$1,103,055. At the end of the current fiscal year, the MPO reported a positive fund balance in the restricted and unrestricted categories of net position.

Following is a comparison of the MPO's net position as of September 30:

	2016	2015
Cash	\$ 1,125,115	\$ 987,446
Grants Receivable	709,364	808,231
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	10,010	6,718
Total Assets	1,844,489	1,802,395
Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities	161,166	262,558
Due to Other Governments	573,368	1,337,321
Deferred Rent	6,900	-
Total Liabilities	741,434	1,599,879
Net Position:		
Investment in Capital Assets	10,010	6,718
Restricted	29,377	40,798
Unrestricted	1,063,668	155,000
Net Position	\$ 1,103,055	\$ 202,516

**PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Governmental activities increased the MPO's net position by \$900,539 during the year ended September 30, 2016.

Following is a comparison of the MPO's statement of activities for the years ended September 30:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
REVENUES		
Program Revenues:		
Transportation Grants	\$ 2,527,224	\$ 2,675,947
Intergovernmental	131,288	264,873
General Revenue:		
Income from Debt Forgiveness	860,984	-
Miscellaneous revenue	26,503	963
Total Revenues	<u>3,545,999</u>	<u>2,941,783</u>
EXPENSES		
Transportation and General Government	<u>2,645,460</u>	<u>2,776,577</u>
INCREASE IN NET POSITION	900,539	165,206
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>202,516</u>	<u>37,310</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,103,055</u>	<u>\$ 202,516</u>

Grant revenue for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 decreased from \$2,675,947 to \$2,527,224, a 5.6% decrease from 2015. The schedules of expenditures of federal awards detail the individual grant expenditures made during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. It is important to note that some grant fiscal year periods differ from the financial statement period. Grant funding levels vary from year to year depending on specially funded and earmarked projects. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, expenditures decreased by \$131,117 or 4.7% from the previous fiscal year.

The changes in special revenue fund expenditures are due to the changes in level of expenditures on the part of subgrantees. The MPO serves as the designated recipient for the Federal Transit Administration's Jobs Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom grant programs, as well as for several earmarks. Pursuant to agreements, funds from those programs are passed on to subgrantees. An overall increase in subgrantee expenditures resulted in an increase in federal revenue. For example, the One Call One Click and One Call One Click Research expenditures for FY 16 increased from FY 15, by \$61,990 (150%) and \$19,369 (1,060%) respectively.

Financial Analysis of the MPO's Funds

As noted earlier, the MPO uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements. Governmental funds provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. This information is useful in assessing the MPO's financing requirements.

As of September 30, 2016, the MPO's general fund reported an ending fund balance of \$1,063,668, an increase of \$908,668 from the previous fiscal year. As of September 30, 2016, the MPO's special revenue fund reported an ending fund balance of \$29,377, a decrease of \$11,421 from the previous fiscal year. All of the MPO's fund balance is restricted for grant programs.

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Currently Known Facts, Decisions, or Conditions

In 2010 local elected officials in Pinellas County concluded that it was desirable to integrate transportation and land use planning at the countywide level, and that the most effective way to accomplish that was through unification of the policy boards and staff of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Pinellas Planning Council (PPC). The PPC is a countywide land use planning agency created in 1988 by a Special Act of the Florida Legislature. The unification of the MPO and the PPC was completed with the seating of the combined board in the fall of 2014 and the transfer of employees to the PPC from the Pinellas County Planning Department in December of 2014. Prior to the unification the MPO contracted with the Pinellas County Planning Department for staff services. With the unification, the employees who provided services to the MPO were transferred to the PPC and in December 2014 a staff and support services agreement was executed between the MPO and PPC, wherein the PPC now provides the services to the MPO. The MPO and PPC remain separate legal entities governed by a unified policy board.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the MPO's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed as follows:

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

ASSETS

Cash	\$	1,125,115
Grants receivable		709,364
Capital assets, net		10,010
Total Assets		<u>1,844,489</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses		161,166
Due to Pinellas Planning Council		542,778
Due to other governments		30,590
Deferred rent		6,900
Total Liabilities		<u>741,434</u>

NET POSITION

Investment in capital assets		10,010
Restricted		29,377
Unrestricted		1,063,668
Total Net Position	\$	<u><u>1,103,055</u></u>

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Transportation	\$ 2,641,777
Loss on disposals of fixed assets	656
Depreciation	3,027
Total Program Expenses	<u>2,645,460</u>
PROGRAM REVENUES	
Transportation grants	2,527,224
Intergovernmental	131,288
Total Program Revenues	<u>2,658,512</u>
NET PROGRAM REVENUES	13,052
GENERAL REVENUES	
Income from debt forgiveness	860,984
Miscellaneous revenue	26,503
Total General Revenues	<u>887,487</u>
INCREASE IN NET POSITION	900,539
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>202,516</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,103,055</u>

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	Major Funds		Total
	General	Special Revenue	Governmental Funds 2016
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 1,125,115	\$ -	\$ 1,125,115
Due from other funds	488,231	-	488,231
Grants receivable	-	709,364	709,364
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,613,346</u>	<u>\$ 709,364</u>	<u>\$ 2,322,710</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ -	\$ 161,166	\$ 161,166
Due to other funds	-	488,231	488,231
Due to Pinellas Planning Council	542,778	-	542,778
Due to other governments	-	30,590	30,590
Deferred rent	6,900	-	6,900
Total Liabilities	<u>549,678</u>	<u>679,987</u>	<u>1,229,665</u>
Fund Balance:			
Restricted	-	29,377	29,377
Assigned	1,063,668	-	1,063,668
Total Fund Balance	<u>1,063,668</u>	<u>29,377</u>	<u>1,093,045</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,613,346</u>	<u>\$ 709,364</u>	<u>\$ 2,322,710</u>

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Total Governmental Fund Balance	\$ 1,093,045
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the fund statements	<u>10,010</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 1,103,055</u></u>

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	Major Funds		Total
	General	Special Revenue	Governmental Funds 2016
REVENUES			
Transportation grants	\$ -	\$ 2,527,224	\$ 2,527,224
Intergovernmental	131,288	-	131,288
Miscellaneous revenue	26,503	-	26,503
Income from debt forgiveness	860,984	-	860,984
Total Revenues	1,018,775	2,527,224	3,545,999
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Transportation	110,107	2,538,645	2,648,752
Total Expenditures	110,107	2,538,645	2,648,752
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	908,668	(11,421)	897,247
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	155,000	40,798	195,798
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$ 1,063,668	\$ 29,377	\$ 1,093,045

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$	897,247
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</p> <p>Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays expenses in the current period. This difference is comprised of:</p>		
Depreciation expense during fiscal year		(3,027)
Capital outlay expenditures represented as increase to capital assets on the statement of activities		6,975
Loss on the disposal of fixed assets		(656)
		<u>3,292</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	<u><u>900,539</u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Note 1—Organization and reporting entity

The Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (the "MPO"), a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida, was established in 1977 following the passage of the Federal Highway Act of 1974. The MPO is authorized pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 339.175. The purpose of the MPO is to develop plans, policies and priorities that guide local decision making on transportation issues. Principal responsibilities include the development of a 20-year Long Range Transportation Plan ("LRTP"), a 5-year Transportation Improvement Program ("TIP"), and related transportation planning studies and projects.

The MPO is governed by a thirteen member board of elected officials representing municipal governments, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners ("BCC"), and the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority ("PSTA"). The Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT"), District 7 Office, is represented on the board by the District Secretary, or a designee, who is a technical advisor. The MPO's Executive Director oversees the MPO's daily operations and reports to the board. The MPO has considered any entities for which it has oversight and there are none meeting the criteria for inclusion in their financial statements.

Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus, an amendment of Statements No. 14 and No. 34* of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") requires that these financial statements present the MPO (the "component unit") and disclose its primary government, Pinellas County, Florida. Component units generally are legally separate entities for which a primary government is financially accountable. In addition, the primary government is able to impose its will upon the component unit or there is a possibility that the component unit may provide specific financial benefits or impose specific burdens on the primary government. The MPO has been determined to be a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida.

Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of Presentation - The financial statements of the MPO have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") as applied to government units. GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles in the United States of America. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements - The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all activities of the government. The MPO only has governmental activities and does not engage in any business-type activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include operating grants and intergovernmental revenues supplied by Pinellas County. General revenues include investment earnings and miscellaneous income.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Fund financial statements are presented for the MPO's general and special revenue funds, both of which are considered to be major funds.

General Fund - The General Fund is used to account for all activities of the MPO except for those included within the Special Revenue Fund.

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Special Revenue Fund - The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally or administratively restricted to expenditures relating to the MPO's federal, state, and local grant awards.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation - The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available.

Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the MPO considers revenues to be available generally if they are collected within 90 days of the end of the current fiscal period, unless collections are delayed beyond a normal time of receipt due to unusual circumstances. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Budgets - Budgetary information is not included in the accompanying financial statements as the MPO is not required to legally adopt a budget for its General or Special Revenue Fund.

The MPO is required to prepare a Biennial Unified Planning Work Program which identifies the planning budget and planning activities to be undertaken during the program year, which generally runs from July 1 to June 30 to coincide with the state's fiscal year.

Cash - Cash includes amounts on hand and in demand deposit accounts. The MPO's investment policy is to maintain funds in near-cash investments, which yield the highest possible return within the limitations established by Florida statutes and Pinellas County ordinances.

Due to/from Other Funds - During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between the general and special revenue funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Those related to goods and service type transactions are classified as "due to and from other funds."

Eliminations have been made for amounts due to and due from within the governmental funds.

Grants Receivables - No substantial losses are anticipated from present receivable balances, therefore, no allowance for uncollectible accounts is deemed necessary.

Capital Assets - Capital assets—which include furniture and equipment with an initial cost of \$1,000 or more and an estimated useful life of more than one year—are reported in governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are recorded at their historical cost if purchased. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. For the fund financial statements, capital assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in governmental funds.

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

The MPO's furniture and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life for 5 years.

Deferred Rent - Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States require that operating lease arrangements be recognized on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease. Deferred rent is the difference between the straight-line recognition and the actual amounts paid.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements requires management to make use of estimates that affect reported amounts. Actual results could differ from estimates.

Fund Equity - GASB issued Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions* ("GASB 54"), which establishes fund balance classifications, provides for a hierarchy of spending constraints for spendable resources and requires disclosure of nonspendable and spendable resources.

GASB 54 establishes a hierarchy for fund balance classifications and the constraints imposed on the uses of those resources.

The MPO has classified its fund balance with the following hierarchy:

Nonspendable - Nonspendable fund balances will be maintained if they are either: (a) not in spendable form or; (b) legally contractually required to be maintained intact. No amounts are classified as nonspendable as of September 30, 2016.

In addition to the nonspendable fund balance, GASB 54 has provided a hierarchy of spendable fund balances, based on a hierarchy of spending constraints.

- *Restricted* - Amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by: external resource providers (i.e., granting agencies such as Florida Department of Transportation, Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration or similar external entities); or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Amounts classified on the balance sheet total \$29,377 for as of September 30, 2016.
- *Committed* - Amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the MPO's governing board, the MPO's highest level of decision making authority. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the MPO's governing board taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally. No amounts are classified as committed as of September 30, 2016.
- *Assigned* - Amounts that include spendable fund balance amounts established by the Executive Director of the MPO that are intended to be used for a specific purpose that are neither considered restricted or committed. The intent for these funds shall be authorized by the MPO's governing board or granting authority or the MPO official to which the MPO's governing board delegates that authority. As of September 30, 2016, \$1,090,735 is classified as assigned.
- *Unassigned* - This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes. No amounts are classified as unassigned as of September 30, 2016.

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

The MPO's policy is to apply expenditures against restricted fund balance first, then committed, then assigned, and then unassigned under circumstances where a particular expenditure can be made from more than one fund classification.

Net Position - Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities in the government-wide financial statements. Investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. The MPO does not have any related long-term debt used to acquire capital assets. Net position is reported as restricted in the government-wide financial statement when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws or regulations of other governments.

Subsequent Events - In preparing these financial statements, the MPO has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through February 28, 2017, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3—Deposits

At September 30, 2016, the carrying amount of the MPO's deposits was \$1,125,115 and the bank balance was \$1,304,656. Deposits are covered by federal depository insurance and, for the amount in excess of such federal depository insurance, by the State of Florida's Security for Public Deposits Act (the "Act"). Provisions of the Act require that public deposits may only be made at qualified public depositories. The Act requires each qualified public depository to deposit with the State Chief Financial Officer acting as State Treasurer, eligible collateral equal to or in excess of the required collateral as determined by the provisions of the Act. In the event of a failure by a qualified public depository, losses in excess of federal depository insurance and proceeds from the sale of the securities pledged by the defaulting depository are assessed against the other qualified public depositories of the same type as the depository in default.

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Note 4—Capital assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2016 was as follows:

	Balance September 30, 2015	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2016
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Furniture and equipment	\$ 34,661	\$ 6,975	\$ (6,156)	\$ 35,480
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(27,943)</u>	<u>(3,027)</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>(25,470)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 6,718</u>	<u>\$ 3,948</u>	<u>\$ (656)</u>	<u>\$ 10,010</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended September 30, 2016 was \$3,027.

Note 5—Due to other governments

Due to Pinellas County, FL - In prior years certain tasks performed by employees of Pinellas County were reimbursed under various federal and state transportation planning grants based on actual hours worked. Occasionally, this reimbursement was in excess of the fixed \$1,150,000 annually paid to the BCC. During 2016, the BCC forgave the cumulative outstanding balance owed to the BCC in the amount of \$860,984.

Prior to the unification between the MPO and the Pinellas Planning Council (“PPC”), effective December 14, 2014, a working capital balance was established with the BCC so that the MPO had an independent financial function. The working capital balance has been recorded as Due to Pinellas County, FL in the General Fund since any unexpended or unencumbered cash balance would be remitted to the BCC if the operations of the MPO were terminated. The MPO currently uses this working capital balance for operations, since the MPO needs the working capital to cover operations until it receives grant reimbursements. A description of the activity for the amounts owed to Pinellas County, Florida is provided below.

	Balance September 30, 2015	Increases	Decreases	Balance September 30, 2016
Personnel related excess revenues	<u>\$ 164,351</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (164,351)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Due to Pinellas County, Florida - Special Revenue Fund	<u>164,351</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(164,351)</u>	<u>-</u>
Working capital balance	<u>860,984</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(860,984)</u>	<u>-</u>
Due to Pinellas County, Florida - General Fund	<u>860,984</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(860,984)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Due to Pinellas County, Florida	<u>\$ 1,025,335</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,025,335)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Note 5—Due to other governments (continued)

Due to Pinellas Planning Council - Beginning after December 14, 2014, the MPO began utilizing the employees of the Pinellas Planning Council ("PPC") at actual cost. For the year ended September 30, 2016, the amount paid to the PPC for these contracted employee costs were \$1,101,855. The total owed to the PPC for contracted employee costs is \$515,711 as of September 30, 2016.

Due to Other Governments - The remaining amount included in Due to Other Governments relates to money owed to the City of St. Petersburg and PSTA. On September 30, 2016, this amount totaled \$30,590.

Note 6—Commitments

The MPO has entered into contracts with several transportation engineering firms and planning consultants in order to fulfill the work under various grants administered by the State of Florida. Incomplete portions of these contracts, which are not required to be fully spent as of September 30, 2016 totaled \$2,819,637. The contracts were structured so that they expire once a maximum dollar amount is expended or the contract term is reached. Two of the contracts in effect in 2016 have reached their maximum term and have been closed. Two others along with new contracts executed in 2016 remain in effect. Although these contracts represent commitments of the MPO, the great majority of revenues expended under these will, in turn, be reimbursable under grants already awarded to the MPO. A relatively small portion is expected to be subsidized by Pinellas County, in accordance with local matching fund requirements of the grants.

Note 7—Contingencies

Grant monies received and disbursed by the MPO are for specific purposes and are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits may result in requests for reimbursement due to disallowed expenditures. Based upon prior experience, the MPO does not believe that such disallowances, if any, would have a material effect on the financial position of the MPO.

Note 8—Risk management

As of September 30, 2016, the MPO had not separately established a Risk Management Fund or Pool. As a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida, insurance coverage is provided entirely through the County's risk management pool for employee liability and workers' compensation coverage. For the year ended September 30, 2016, the MPO paid \$4,780 to Pinellas County for coverage.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Federal Grant Number</u>	<u>FPN/ State Number</u>	<u>Program Expenditures</u>	<u>Transfer to Subrecipients</u>
FEDERAL GRANTOR I PASS THROUGH GRANTOR AWARD					
<i>U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Highway Administration</i>					
<u>Pass through Florida Department of Transportation:</u>					
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster					
Metropolitan Planning Program					
Federal Section 1107 (PL) Funds	20.205	A5209	259397 1 14 16	\$ 876,772	\$ -
Federal Highway Administration					
Highway Planning Grant					
Surface Transportation Program Funds	20.205	ARE07	430015 1 14 02	<u>163,995</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Highway Planning and Construction Cluster				<u>1,040,767</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Direct Program:</u>					
Federal Transit- Capital Investment Grants					
Congressional Earmark (FTA 5309 - Intermodal)	20.500	FL-03-0322-00	N/A	50,338	50,338
Federal Transit- Capital Investment Grants					
Congressional Earmark (FTA PMI 5307)	20.500	FL-90-X822	N/A	382,137	382,137
Federal Transit- Capital Investment Grants					
Congressional Earmark (FTA 5309 - Central Ave)	20.500	FL-04-0134-01	N/A	9,127	9,127
Federal Transit- Capital Investment Grants					
Congressional Earmark (FTA PMI 5309)	20.500	FL-04-0156-00	N/A	<u>103,384</u>	<u>103,384</u>
Total Program				544,986	544,986
<u>Direct Program:</u>					
Public Transportation Research Grants (FTA 5312)					
	20.514	FL-26-0023-00	N/A	<u>21,197</u>	<u>21,197</u>
Total Program				21,197	21,197
<u>Pass through Florida Department of Transportation:</u>					
Metropolitan Transportation Planning					
Section 5305 (G0E13)	20.505	G0E13	402514 1 14 17	<u>645,261</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Program				645,261	-

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Federal Grant Number</u>	<u>FPN/ State Number</u>	<u>Program Expenditures</u>	<u>Transfer to Subrecipients</u>
<i>U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Transit Administration (continued)</i>					
<u>Direct Program:</u>					
Transit Services Programs Cluster					
Job Access - Reverse Commute	20.516	FL-37-X078	N/A	21,329	21,329
New Freedom Program	20.521	FL-57-X009-05	N/A	77,569	77,569
New Freedom Program	20.521	FL-57-X045	N/A	<u>64,040</u>	<u>64,040</u>
Total Transit Services Programs Cluster				<u>162,938</u>	<u>162,938</u>
Total US Department of Transportation - Federal Transit Administration				<u>2,415,149</u>	<u>729,121</u>
Total Federal Awards				<u>\$ 2,415,149</u>	<u>\$ 729,121</u>

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	<u>State CSFA Number</u>	<u>State Project Number</u>	<u>FPN/ State Number</u>	<u>Program Expenditures</u>	<u>Transfer to Subrecipients</u>
<i>Florida Department of Transportation</i>					
<u>Direct Program:</u>					
Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) Planning Grant Program	55.002	GO251	432029 1 14 01	\$ 31,346	\$ -
Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) Planning Grant Program	55.002	G0C76	432029 1 14 01	<u>7,310</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Program				<u>38,656</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Florida Department of Transportation				<u>38,656</u>	<u>-</u>
Total State Financial Assistance				<u>\$ 38,656</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Note 1—Summary of significant accounting policies

The accounting policies and presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (the "MPO") have been designed to conform to the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and the reporting and compliance requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida.

Reporting Entity - Federal awards and financial assistance received directly from federal agencies, the State of Florida or pass-through entities are included to satisfy audit requirements of the Uniform Guidance and Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance includes all federal and state awards earned by the MPO.

Basis of Accounting - Basis of accounting refers to when expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The accrual basis of accounting is followed for the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance.

Note 2—Contingencies

Grant monies received and disbursed by the MPO are for specific purposes and are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits may result in requests for reimbursement due to disallowed expenditures. Based upon prior experience, the MPO does not believe that such disallowances, if any, would have a material effect on the financial position of the MPO.

Note 3—Indirect cost rate

The Organization did not allocate indirect costs for reimbursement of grant expenditures for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016.

COMPLIANCE REPORTS

**Report of Independent Auditor on Internal Control
Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based
on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with
*Government Auditing Standards***

Board of Directors
Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization
A Component Unit of Pinellas County, Florida
Clearwater, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (the "MPO"), a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the MPO's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 28, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Tampa, Florida
February 28, 2017

**Report of Independent Auditor on Compliance for Each Major
Federal Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance
Required by the Uniform Guidance**

Board of Directors
Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization
A Component Unit of Pinellas County, Florida
Clearwater, Florida

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization's (the "MPO"), compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the MPO's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2016. The MPO's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the federal statutes, regulations, and terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the MPO's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the MPO's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the MPO's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the MPO complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2016.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the MPO is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the MPO's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the MPO's internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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

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Tampa, Florida
February 28, 2017

PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

PART I—SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS

Financial Statement Section

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified? yes x no

Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weakness(es)? yes x none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? yes x no

Federal Awards Section

Internal control over major programs:

Material weakness(es) identified? yes x no

Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weakness(es)? yes x none reported

Type of auditor's report on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 200.516 (a) of the Uniform Guidance yes x no

Identification of the major federal program:

CFDA Number	Name of Program or Cluster
20.205	Highway Planning and Construction Cluster

Dollar threshold used to determine Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? x yes no

**PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)**

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

PART II—SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, fraud, illegal acts, violations of provisions of contracts and grant agreements, and abuse related to the financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

There were no financial statement findings required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

PART III—FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, and material instances of noncompliance, including questioned costs, as well as any material abuse findings, related to the audit of major federal programs, as required to be reported by 2 CFR 200.516(a).

There were no findings required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

A Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings is not necessary since there were no prior audit findings.

Independent Auditor's Management Letter

Board of Directors
Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization
A Component Unit of Pinellas County, Florida
Clearwater, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization, a component unit of Pinellas County, Florida, (the "MPO") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 and have issued our report thereon dated February 28, 2017.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance); and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reports and Schedule

We have issued our Report of Independent Auditor on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; Report of Independent Auditor on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance; Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs; and Report of Independent Accountant on Compliance with Local Investment Policies, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated February 28, 2017, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

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

Official Title and Legal Authority

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

Financial Condition

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

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

Special District Component Units

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.d, Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not a special district that is a component unit of a county, municipality, or special district, provided the financial information necessary for proper reporting of the component unit, within the audited financial statements of the county, municipality, or special district in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit we determined that the MPO provided the necessary information for proper reporting in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), Florida Statutes.

Other Matters

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

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

Purpose of this Letter

The purpose of this management letter is to communicate certain matters prescribed by Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Accordingly, this management letter is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Tampa, Florida
February 28, 2017

**Report of Independent Accountant on Compliance with
Local Investment Policies**

Board of Directors
Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization
A Component Unit of Pinellas County, Florida
Clearwater, Florida

Report on Compliance

We have examined the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization's (the "MPO"), compliance with the local government investment policy requirements of Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*, during the year ended September 30, 2016. Management is responsible for the MPO's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the MPO's compliance based on our examination.

Scope

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the MPO's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the MPO's compliance with specified requirements.

Opinion

In our opinion, the MPO complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2016.



Tampa, Florida
February 28, 2017