

(A Component Unit of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts)

Independent Auditors' Reports as Required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and *Government Auditing Standards* and Related Information

Year Ended June 30, 2022

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Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program; Report on Internal Control Over Compliance; and Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

Board of Directors

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's (the Authority or MBTA), a component unit of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Authority's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022. The Authority's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Authority complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

We are required to be independent of the Authority and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Authority's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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



Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and
 perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test
 basis, evidence regarding the Authority's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to
 above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Authority's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in
 order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on
 internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of
 expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over compliance.
 Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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



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

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

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the Authority as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated December 15, 2022, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.



Boston, Massachusetts February 8, 2023

MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (A Component Unit of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts)

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2022

Federal agency/cluster or program/pass-through/grant number	ALN number	Program description	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Justice:			
Equitable Sharing Program: MA-03-2500	16.922	Federal Equity Sharing Program	\$ 247,077
Total U.S. Dept. of Justice			247,077
U.S. Department of Transportation: Highway Planning and Construction Cluster: Federal Highway Administration MA-70-0002	20.205		321,448
Total Highway Planning and Construction Cluster			321,448
Federal Transit Cluster: Federal Transit – Capital Investment Grants Program:			
MA-03-0295 MA-04-0026 MA-04-0048 MA-05-0103 MA-05-0105 MA-05-0109 MA-05-0121	20.500 20.500 20.500 20.500 20.500 20.500 20.500 20.500	GLX-FTA/FFGA Funds Ferry System Improvements Hingham Intermodal Center Hingham Ferry Dock FY07 Station Management Project FY07 Comm. Rail Vehicle Service Green Line #7 Car MBTA Power Program	111,900,999 12,860 90,179 504,784 108,171 401,104 166,416 1,816,842
MA-05-0128	20.500	FY 2013 Infrastructure Improvements	188,644
MA-55-0005	20.500	Worcester-Boston Rail Corridor Improvement	35,045
Subtotal #20.500 Direct Program			115,225,044
Passed through the Rhode Island Department of Transportation: 90 RI-12-X001 (90RI12)	20.500	Pawtucket Inspection Pit	2,262,716
Total # 20.500			117,487,760
State of Good Repair Grants Program: MA-54-0001 MA-54-0002 MA-54-0005 MA-54-0006 MA-54-0010 MA-54-0011 MA-54-0012 MA-54-0016 MA-54-0017 MA-54-0021 MA-54-0021 MA-54-0022 MA-54-0023 MA-54-0023 MA-54-0026 MA-54-0027 MA-54-0029 MA-54-0030 Total # 20.525 Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program: MA-34-0028 MA-34-0044	20.525 20.525 20.525 20.525 20.525 20.525 20.525 20.525 20.525 20.525 20.525 20.525 20.525 20.525 20.525 20.525 20.525	Green Line No. 8 Car Enhancements FY 14 Bridge Program MBTA Winter Resiliency Program MBTA Bridge and Tunnel Program 2016 Kawasaki Coach Overhaul 2016 Columbia Junction Green Line No. 7 Selective System Overhaul 2017 Stations & Facilities 2017 Supplemental Bridge Program MA-2018-029 5337 Funds MA-2019-008 5337 Funds MA-2019-008 5337 Funds MA-2020-006 5337 Funds MA-2020-041 5337 Funds MA-2021-047 5337 Funds MA-2021-047 5337 Funds	152,843 9,384,099 516,014 9,610,323 4,186,558 9,325,225 334,289 20,116,763 10,001,225 161,665 7,180,315 42,685,871 10,225,489 44,738,163 30,793,065 34,365,148 233,777,055
	20.520	WIA-2020-041 0000 1 unus	
Total # 20.526 Federal Transit Formula Grants Program: MA-90-0079	20 507	2047 Chattana & Facilities	7,477,686
MA-90-0083 MA-90-0085 MA-90-0087 MA-90-0091 MA-90-0093 MA-90-0096 MA-90-0098 MA-90-0108 MA-90-0516 MA-90-0519 MA-90-0591 MA-90-0600	20.507 20.507 20.507 20.507 20.507 20.507 20.507 20.507 20.507 20.507 20.507 20.507	2017 Stations & Facilities MA 2018-029 5307 Funds MA 2018-033 5307 Funds MA-2019-008 5307 Funds MA-2019-023 5307 Funds MA-2020-006 5307 Funds MA-2020-041 5307 Funds MA-2020-041 5307 Funds MA-2021-047 5307 Funds Public Address/Electronic Sign Automated Fare Collection FY 2010 Loco & Coach Procurement MBTA Power Program	653,460 8,598,113 10,580,932 389,565 9,257,466 4,461,894 159,732 51,776,786 59,999,250 14,915 1,565 81,858 8,704,251

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Federal agency/cluster or program/pass-through/grant number	ALN number	Program description	Expenditures
MA-90-0104	20.507	COVID-19 CRRSAA	\$ 65,000,000
MA-90-0107	20.507	COVID-19 ARPA	859,660,358
MA-90-0609	20.507	FY 2012 Bridge Program	5,351,532
MA-90-0631	20.507	Orient Heights Station	235,005
MA-90-0641 MA-90-0644	20.507 20.507	192 ECD Bus Midlife Overhaul FY 2013 Infr Improvements	664,270 4,447,869
MA-90-0649	20.507	Government Center Reconstruction	152,414
MA-90-0049 MA-90-0711	20.507	Red Line Signals Upgrade	774,348
MA-90-0711	20.507	FY 2015 Preventive Maintenance	350,296
MA-90-0713	20.507	FY 2015 Bridge Program	714,941
MA-90-0735	20.507	Green Line Signal Replacement	588,855
MA-90-0751	20.507	MBTA 2016 Bus Procurement	2,740,097
MA-90-0763	20.507	FY2017 Revenue Vehicle Program	7,837,721
MA-95-0003	20.507	GLX FTA/CMAQ Funds	3,294,999
MA-95-0005	20.507	MA 2018-029 Bus Earmark	138,494
MA-95-0014	20.507	Locomotive Procurement CMAQ Flex	168,808
Total # 20.507			1,106,799,794
Total Federal Transit Cluster			1,465,542,295
Public Transportation Research: MA-26-0063	20.514	Foirmount/Indigo Line TSCD Dragrom	62,470
MA-26-0064	20.514	Fairmount/Indigo Line TSCP Program MBTA LoNo Project	12,861
Total # 20.514			75,331
Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program:			
MA-44-3002	20.527	MBTA Resiliency Project	2,975,268
Total #20.527			2,975,268
High-Speed Rail Corridors and Intercity Passenger Rail Service – Capital Assistance Grants: Passed through the Commonwealth Of Massachusetts:			
\$10007	20.319	Knowledge Corridor – HSIPR (ARRA)	760,592
Total # 20.319			760,592
Railroad Safety Technology Grants MA-54-0025	20.321	MA-2019-020 3028 Funds	4,675,639
Total #20.321			4,675,639
Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair			
21FRA1	20.326	Tower 1 Interlocking Early Act	1,484,441
22FRA1	20.326	Worcester Union Station Access	2,887,703
Total #20.326			4,372,144
National Infrastructure Investments:			
MA-79-0002	20.933	Ruggles Station Improvements – TIGER	156,735
MA-79-0001	20.933	Merrimack River Bridge - TIGER (ARRA)	18,400,000
	20.000	moningstrates Bridge Trout (Fixed)	
Total #20.933			18,556,735
Total U.S. Dept. of Transportation			1,497,279,452
U.S. Department of Homeland Security: Federal Emergency Management Association: Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	COVID-19 Public Assistance	23,449,764
Total #97.036			23,449,764
National Explosives Detection Canine Team Program:			
HSTS02-16-H-NCP444	97.U01	TSA National Explosives Canine Program	147,857
Total #97.072			147,857
Rail and Transit Security Grant Program:			
EMW2017RA00020	97.075	FY 2017 Transit Security (J17001)	2,204,959
EMW2018RA00015	97.075	FY 2018 Transit Security (J18001)	3,709,880
EMW2019RA00044	97.075	FY 2019 Transit Security (J19001)	1,669,123
EMW2001RA00047	97.075	FY 2020 Transit Security (J20001)	34,373
Total #97.075			7,618,335
Total of U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security			31,215,956
Grand total			\$ 1,528,742,485

See accompanying notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

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Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2022

(1) Definition of the Reporting Entity

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (the Authority) is a component unit of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the Commonwealth) formed pursuant to Commonwealth law to, among other things, hold and manage mass transportation facilities and equipment, and to enter into agreements for its operation, construction and use.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has been designated as the Authority's cognizant Federal agency for the Single Audit.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting and includes federal expenditures.

(3) Approved Federal Grant Programs

The Authority's Federal Transit – Capital Investment Grants and Formula Grants Programs, Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program, Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Program (TIGER), State of Good Repair Grants Program, Buses and Bus Facilities Formula, and Public Transportation Research for the year ended June 30, 2022 consisted primarily of capital grants under contracts with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). These grants provide for the acquisition of land, buses, equipment, the construction of service extensions, stations, and maintenance facilities, state of good repair activities, and Research, development, demonstration and deployment projects.

In 2015, a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA), between the MBTA and the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration (FTA) was signed to establish the scope of federal participation in the Green Line Extension (GLX) project. Under the FFGA, federal dollars will fund approximately \$996 million of the newly revised budget of \$2.3 billion. As of June 30, 2022, the FFGA funded \$765 million of the \$996 million. The GLX project will extend the existing MBTA Green Line north of its current terminus at Lechmere Station to further service the communities of Somerville, Cambridge, and Medford and involves construction of six new Green Line stations along two branches (the Medford Branch and Union Square Branch) along with the relocation and reconstruction of Lechmere Station. As of June 30, 2022, the Union Square Branch was opened and fully operational. Subsequent to June 30, 2022, the MBTA GLX Medford Branch was opened and become fully operational in December 2022.

According to the terms of the FTA contracts, the Authority will be reimbursed from 75% to 100% of the allowable project costs as defined in the grant agreement. The terms of those federal grant contracts require the Authority to, in part, utilize the equipment and facilities for the purpose specified in the grant agreement, maintain these items in operation for a specified time period, which normally approximates the useful life of the equipment, and comply with the Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action programs as required by the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act* (MAP-21).

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On December 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 ("CRRSAA"), established a second round of economic stimulus assistance in the amount of \$2.3 trillion. The CRRSAA is providing approximately \$301.4 million to the MBTA and is available to support the Authority's revenue loss as well as all operating expenses generally eligible under the program. As of June 30, 2022, a total of \$301.4 million has been received by the MBTA for operating assistance that occurred from October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA"), established a third round of economic stimulus assistance in the amount of \$1.9 trillion. The package includes \$30 billion of direct federal aid to transportation agencies. The ARPA is providing approximately \$859.7 million to the MBTA and is available to support the Authority's revenue loss as well as all operating expenses generally eligible under the program. As of June 30, 2022, a total of \$859.7 million has been received by the MBTA for operating assistance that occurred through June 30, 2022.

The Authority also received program funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the Department of Homeland Security's Rail and Transit Security Grant Program. According to the terms of the Rail and Transit Security grants, the Authority will be reimbursed for 100% of the allowable project costs as defined in the grant agreements. These grants provide for the acquisition of equipment and other enhancements to the transit system's security.

During the year ended June 30, 2022, the MBTA received a \$23.5 million public assistance (PA) grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The FEMA program supports communities' recovery from major disasters and emergencies by providing financial assistance for eligible expenses. Public assistance grants are meant to serve as a last resort after exhausting other sources of funding such as insurance and other federal grant programs. Local governments, states, tribes, territories and certain private nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. The FEMA PA program in Massachusetts is administered by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

From time to time, the Authority also receives funding from other federal or pass through sources. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of its various funding sources may jeopardize future funding and require the Authority to refund a portion of these grants to their funding agencies. In management's opinion, no events have occurred which would result in the termination of these grants or which would require the refund of a significant amount of funds received under these grants.

(4) Subrecipients

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the Authority did not provide federal awards to subrecipients.

(5) Indirect Costs

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the Authority did not elect to use the de minimis indirect cost rate.





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Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

Board of Directors

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority:

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 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (the Authority or MBTA), a component unit of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which comprise the statement of net position as of June 30, 2022, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 15, 2022. Our report contains an emphasis of matter paragraph referring to the Authority's adoption, in 2022, of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87, *Leases*.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2022-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the



financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The Authority's Response to the Finding

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Authority's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Authority's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority'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 Authority's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

KPMG LLP

Boston, Massachusetts December 15, 2022

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
June 30, 2022

(1) Summary of Auditors' Results

- (a) Type of report issued on whether the financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles: **Unmodified**
- (b) Internal control deficiencies over financial reporting disclosed by the audit of the financial statements:
 - Material weakness(es): No
 - Significant deficiency(ies): Yes
- (c) Noncompliance material to the financial statements: No
- (d) Internal control deficiencies over major programs disclosed by the audit:
 - Material weakness(es): No
 - Significant deficiency(ies): None reported
- (e) Type of report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified
- (f) Audit findings that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a): No
- (g) Major programs:

Federal program or cluster	ALN number
Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair	20.326
Federal Transit Cluster:	
Federal Transit – Capital Investment Grants Program	20.500
Federal Transit – Formula Grants Program	20.507
State of Good Repair Grants Program	20.525
Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program	20.526
Disaster Grants – Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036

- (h) Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$4,586,227
- (i) Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee: Yes

(2) Findings Related to the Financial Statements Reported in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

Finding 2022-001 - Financial Reporting

We continue to note draft financial statements that are incomplete and inaccurate. While the Authority has significantly improved the timeliness of the financial reporting process over the prior year, it still experienced inaccuracies in financial reporting particularly with its postretirement benefit plans.

We reported a similar finding in previous audits.

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Recommendation

We recommend that the Authority assess its financial reporting process and develop a detailed action plan, with measurable milestones, to ensure its financial statements are completed accurately. The Authority should also continue the progress made in fiscal year 2022 in terms of the timeliness of financial reporting with the ultimate goal of having its audited financial statements available by the end of October.

Views of Responsible Officials

The Authority will implement a year-end checklist with detailed procedures and responsibilities for recording and disclosing post-retirement benefit plan balances, with review and oversight from the Director of Reporting and Compliance. Further, year-end actuarial reports will be requested one month earlier to provide additional capacity for quality review, while also allowing the Authority to continue to improve on the timeliness of financial reporting. These efforts continue our progress to completing the financial statement external audit before the end of the calendar year.

(3) Findings and Questioned Costs Relating to Federal Awards Reference Number:

No findings.