

**BUTLER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BUTLER COUNTY**



REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Butler County Transportation Improvement District, Butler County, prepared by Plattenburg & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

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

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

June 21, 2021

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BUTLER COUNTY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
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Board of Trustees
Butler County Transportation Improvement District

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, each major fund, and the aggregated remaining fund information of the Butler County Transportation Improvement District (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 4, 2021.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District'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 District'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*.

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 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.

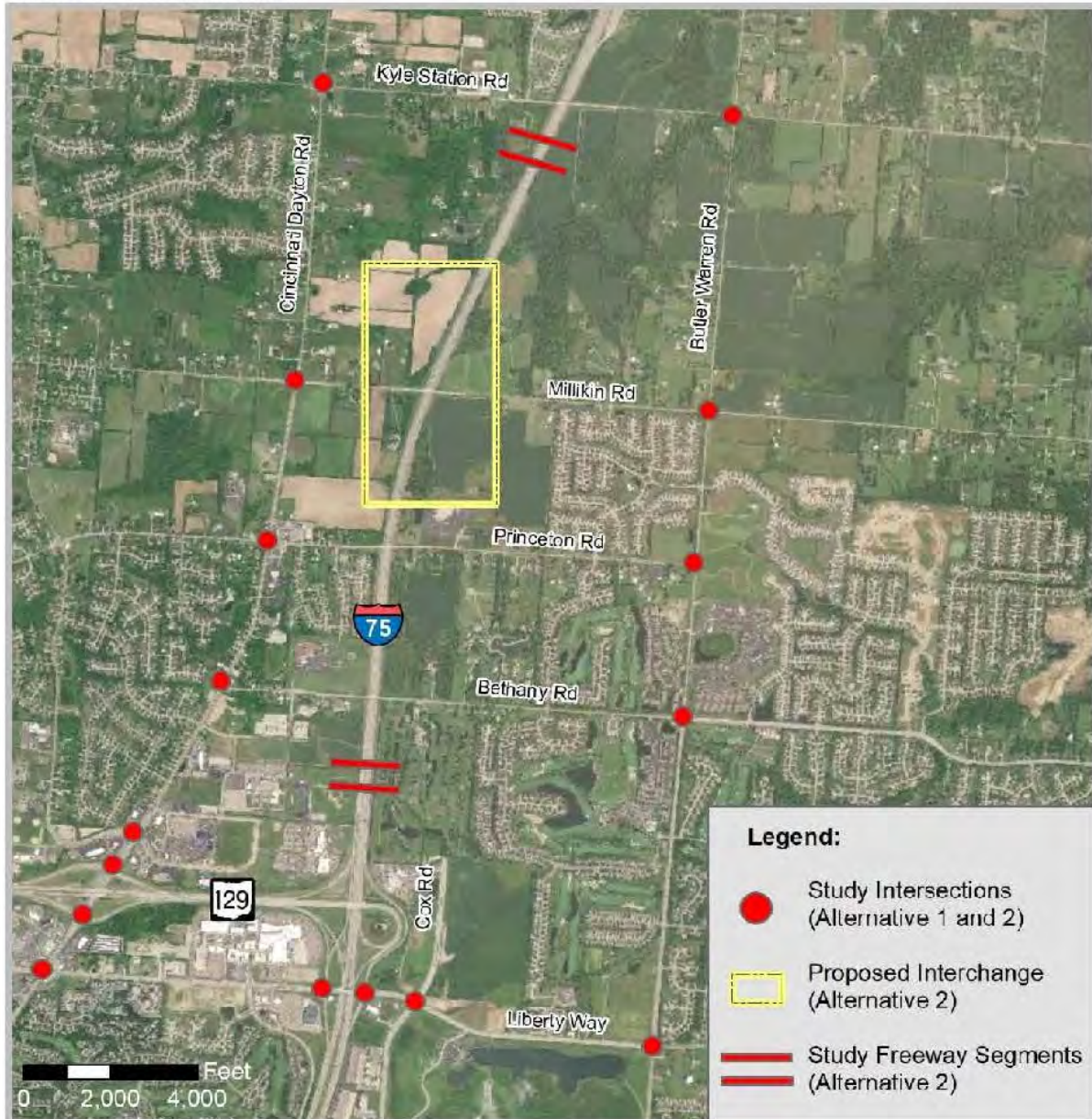
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May 4, 2021

Butler County, Ohio Transportation Improvement District

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

FIGURE 2 – PROJECT AREA



One of the TID's active projects involves evaluating the current Millikin Road I-75 overpass for possible future changes.

For the Fiscal Year Ended
December 31, 2020

**Butler County, Ohio
Transportation Improvement District**

**Comprehensive Annual
Financial Report**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended
December 31, 2020**

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Transportation Improvement District of Butler County, Ohio
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INTRODUCTORY
SECTION





May 4, 2021

To the Citizens of Butler County and the Butler County Transportation Improvement District Board of Trustees:

We are pleased to present the Butler County Transportation Improvement District (TID) Comprehensive Annual Finance Report for the year ended December 31, 2020. This report contains basic financial statements and other financial and statistical information – providing complete and full disclosure of all financial aspects of the TID for 2020.

Responsibility for the accuracy, completeness and fairness of this report rests with the TID management. This report was prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and other recognized authoritative sources. This report is representative of the TID's commitment to provide complete financial information to the citizens of Butler County.

FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND REPORTING ENTITY

On December 7, 1993, the Butler County Commissioners authorized the creation of the TID by Resolution 93-12-2009. This resolution brought the TID together as an organized entity on January 31, 1994. The TID includes all of the territory within the following political subdivisions of Butler County: the City of Hamilton, the City of Fairfield, Fairfield Township, West Chester Township and Liberty Township. The Board of Trustees has appointed a representative from the City of Oxford as its board appointment. With this action, the TID Board and local governments are working to broaden the reach of the TID.

The TID is a jointly governed organization-both corporate and politic-given the powers to finance, construct, maintain, repair and operate transportation systems. The TID is governed by a Board of Trustees which acts as the authoritative and legislative body. The Board of Trustees currently is comprised of eighteen members, of which thirteen are voting and five are non-voting. Of the eighteen, three are elected as officers of the TID: the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary-Treasurer. Each officer serves a one-year term. TID Board members are appointed by the following member governments: Butler County, the City of Hamilton, the City of Fairfield, Fairfield Township, Liberty Township, West Chester Township, the State of Ohio, and the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments. The Butler County Engineer is designated by law as a member.

The Board Chair is appointed annually by the Board of Trustees. The Chair is responsible for presiding at all Board meetings and is the chief legislative officer of the TID. The TID Director, also hired by the Board of Trustees, serves as chief executive officer of the TID as prescribed by the Board of Trustees.

This report presents the financial activity of the TID in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and other recognized authoritative sources, and is consistent with the reporting model as promulgated by GASB Statements No. 14, 34, 61, 80, 84 and 85.

GAAP requires management to provide a narrative introduction, overview and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The TID’s MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent accountants.

MAJOR INITIATIVES

South Hamilton Crossing

The South Hamilton Crossing project provides an overpass (circled section) over the CSX Railroad in the southern portion of the City replacing a dangerous angled at-grade crossing (letter A reference) and allowing for greater access into the City’s technology park and Miami University Hamilton. The project also made significant changes to the adjoining roads by raising them to intersect the new overpass.



The TID and City of Hamilton entered into an intergovernmental agreement in 2012 to undertake engineering and environmental work, which was subsequently amended to complete design, bid and manage construction of the project. The TID received grant funding through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Council of Governments (OKI) Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program for right of way acquisition of \$2.45 million (increased in 2016 to \$3.45 million) with the remaining right of way costs being provided from the City of Hamilton including the local match to the CMAQ grant. The TID was successful in getting right of way cleared through ODOT on January 29, 2016. All the appropriation cases were settled during 2017. With the exception of CSX parcels, the right of way is finalized.



The TID received \$10 million through the Ohio Department of Transportation - Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) for the construction phase which requires no local match monies. The City of Hamilton also received a 629 Roadwork Development Grant (\$1,118,000) through the Ohio Development Services Agency for a share of the construction project that required a fifty percent local match. The TID received an additional \$3.75 million through OKI from the

Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) for construction that requires a fifty percent match. The City of Hamilton, along with any funds received from the CSX Railroad and TID, provided the match monies and any additional construction funds necessary. The TID bid the project in the second quarter of 2016 with John R. Jurgensen being the successful bidder. As of December 31, 2020, the contract was complete (up from ninety-eight percent at December 31, 2019.) The project was deemed substantially complete as of December 14, 2018. The TID finalized the last remaining right of piece in early 2021 to allow for the project to officially be closed out during 2021.

Interstate 75/Cox Road/Liberty Way



During 2015, the TID along with the Ohio Department of Transportation, Butler County Engineer, Liberty Township and West Chester Township made the determination to evaluate the current configuration of Interstate 75, State Route 129, and Liberty Way interchange. With the additional retail development, Liberty Town Center, and the Christ Hospital Facility and other development in the area, the interchange will be under tremendous pressure. The TID entered into an agreement with the Butler County Engineer and EMHT for an interchange modification study. The TID disbursed the remaining funds held from the property sale to the Steiner Group to the Butler County Engineer in February 2016 to cover the second phase of this project. The District received and disbursed an additional Ohio Jobs and Commerce grant of \$250,000 to assist with the financing of the project currently managed through the Butler County Engineer's Office.

Gilmore Road Project

During 2018, the Butler TID, Hamilton County TID, OKI, ODOT and the City of Fairfield agreed to work together to design and construct the ramp improvement at South Gilmore Road and Interstate 275. The TID was successful in receiving \$200,000 in HB26 funding to complete design. During 2019, the TID requested reimbursement of \$56,557 as the first draw on the HB 26 funds. The balance needs to be drawn out by May 1, 2020.

Stage 2 plans were submitted in May 2019. Those plans were approved and stage 3 plans are underway with planned submission by May 1, 2020. The schedule shows the submission date five months later. The City of Fairfield received STP Funding of \$784,000 which requires an 20% local match. Construction is scheduled to begin after July 1, 2021.



Millikin Road/Interstate 75 Interchange

The TID designated the Millikin Road/Interstate 75 interchange as a TID project during 2018. The TID has been working with Liberty Township, OKI and ODOT to evaluate traffic studies and other design impact to determine if the project will qualify to have an interchange modification study completed.

The primary purpose of this Interchange project is to ensure that the local road network in Liberty Township is able to meet existing and future traffic demand and improve mobility and access to support planned community growth/development as identified in Liberty Township's 2013 Comprehensive Vision Plan. The TID is the LPA for the project. The TID hired a firm to complete the interchange justification study (IJS) for the third quarter of 2021. Once the IJS is approved, the TID will have more options for state and federal funded to help offset the local funding requirements from the project. It is undetermined when construction will begin.

North Hamilton Crossing

As referenced above, the City of Hamilton and the Butler County collaborated successfully in completing the regionally significant railroad crossing known as South Hamilton Crossing. This was a transportation vision that was identified as a need that spanned over 100 years and address the City's most significant mobility issue which is roads running east-west.

Now the project team is focusing their attention on a project that will have an equivalent impact to the regional transportation need and provide critical access to Spooky Nook Champion Sports Complex and Convention Center, Hamilton's West side, and surrounding Hanover, Milford, and St Clair townships. This project is called North Hamilton Crossing that will allow ease of congestion in the most populous city in Butler County, the City of Hamilton. This project will replace a 100 year old bridge over the Great Miami River (Phase 1). Phase 2 will tie into the regional highway system (SR 4). The TID hired a consultant during 2020 to assist in the planning process including but not limited to possible alternatives for the new road.

ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK

The TID has seen state and federal government financing for projects decline over the past several years. In 2019, the State of Ohio passed higher user gas fee (gas tax). This allowed for Transportation Regional Advisory Council (TRAC) to plan, budget and receive applications for project to move forward in FY19-FY23. However, in 2020 with COVID-19 impacts to the amount of vehicles on the roadways, there was a precipitous drop these revenues that in essence eliminated the gains that were created with the passing of the new user gas rates. In early 2021, the Federal Government provided COVID-19 relief funds to the States. This included \$202M to ODOT, which was used to backfill the lost revenues and therefore allowing TRAC revise its schedule back to Pre-COVID and thus be able to accept new applications in 2021. In 2020, Governor DeWine had also made available to local governmental over \$50M in Safety Funds with some project being eligible for no match (100% State funded). Our local governments have limited resources to allocate for major infrastructure projects. In the past, our partners have stepped up, locally funding a large portion of the South Hamilton Crossing, a substantial part of the overall Bypass 4 widening project and the earlier Liberty Interchange project, for which the bond payments are 100% locally funded. While additional grant funds could be used for our projects, our partners will be required to provide significant portions (20%-50%) of the funds for the projects to qualify for the grant revenue. Best forecasting principals indicate we should be prepared to apply for funding opportunities at the Federal and State Level with the potential passing of "The American Jobs Plan" in late 2021.

Eligible TIDs throughout the state may apply for ODOT Jobs and Commerce grants up to \$250,000 annually per project subject to other limits per request. The TID was successful in its three applications for the South Hamilton Crossing project, two for the Salzman Road extension, one for the Salzman Bridge project, one for the Liberty Interchange modification study and one for the South Gilmore Road project. The TID has submitted applications for the current projects under planning as described above.

The TID's success in grant awards can help projects move forward in a more efficient manner, especially when multiple jurisdictions are involved. The TID operates from an administrative fee charged against those projects to help finance the TID moving forward. The TID was able to generate a significant cash balance from land sales in prior years that allow the TID to partner with local governments to help advance the project forward. During 2019, the TID Board approved a \$250,000 contribution to the North Hamilton Crossing project. The contribution in partnership with the City of Hamilton will cover initial planning studies. During 2020, the TID contributed \$50,000 to the Millikin Interchange project to assist the Township in the IJS work.

The TID works with local officials to bring together transportation infrastructure improvement projects, but these projects can't happen without the financing commitment from the local governments. With tight budgets, local governments have turned to alternative methods for financing infrastructure projects that are necessary for either safety improvements or to bring in more development for the area. Tax increment financing areas are used along with other financing options such as joint economic development districts as ways to pay for these necessary improvements.

TID INTERNAL CONTROLS

In developing and evaluating the TID's accounting system, consideration is given to the adequacy of internal accounting control. Internal accounting controls are designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding: 1) the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, or 2) the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability of assets. The TID has a small staff which hinders the complete segregation of duties, but everything is done to the best of the abilities of current staffing to assure that proper internal controls over cash, check writing and authorizations are in place.

SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL POLICIES

The TID operates through administrative fees with local governments that participate in TID projects. The TID has the ability to purchase land that is not required for right of way purposes and hold for future resale. As discussed above, the TID can hold significant land along projects that is critical to the long-term financial health of the TID, as well as provide possible funding alternatives to its project base. The TID has one remaining parcel of land known as the Yankee Road park and ride.

FACTORS AFFECTING FINANCIAL CONDITION

The TID operates from three typical financial sources: investment interest revenue, local government contributions and an administration charge on project management services. The Board continues working on alternative funding sources for operations and projects. For additional information on the financial condition of the TID, please review the Management Discussion and Analysis starting on page 4 of the report.

From a long-term financial planning perspective, the Board and staff continue to evaluate future projects that will provide the TID with the additional administrative revenue necessary to fund operations. The TID's ability to work on projects such as the South Hamilton Crossing and the Salzman Road Relocation and future infrastructure needs in the Liberty and West Chester Townships and the City of Hamilton are critical for the TID and also for the local governments throughout Butler County.

AUDIT

An audit team from Plattenburg & Associates, Inc. performed this year's audit. The results of the audit are presented in the Independent Auditors Report.

AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

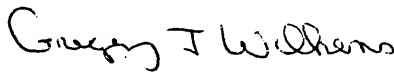
The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the TID for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019. This is the twenty-fifth consecutive year that the TID has received this award for excellence. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the TID must publish a clear and effective comprehensive annual financial report.

The TID staff works to develop a level of professionalism and sound financial reporting. The preparation and publication of this comprehensive annual financial report serves a cornerstone for the TID's efforts. A special note of acknowledgment is presented to our Board of Trustees for their knowledge and dedication, serving as volunteers to the TID. The TID also acknowledges our local governments that are critical to the success of the TID. Without their support to the projects of the TID, it would not be possible to have successfully completed over \$341 million with seventeen construction projects throughout Butler County. The report demonstrates the level of accountability that we strive to maintain each year. We hope this report increases public confidence in the operation and management of the TID. The report also provides a fair presentation of the financial condition of the TID as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020.

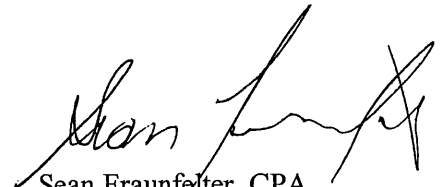
Respectfully submitted,



Daniel Corey, P.E.
TID Director



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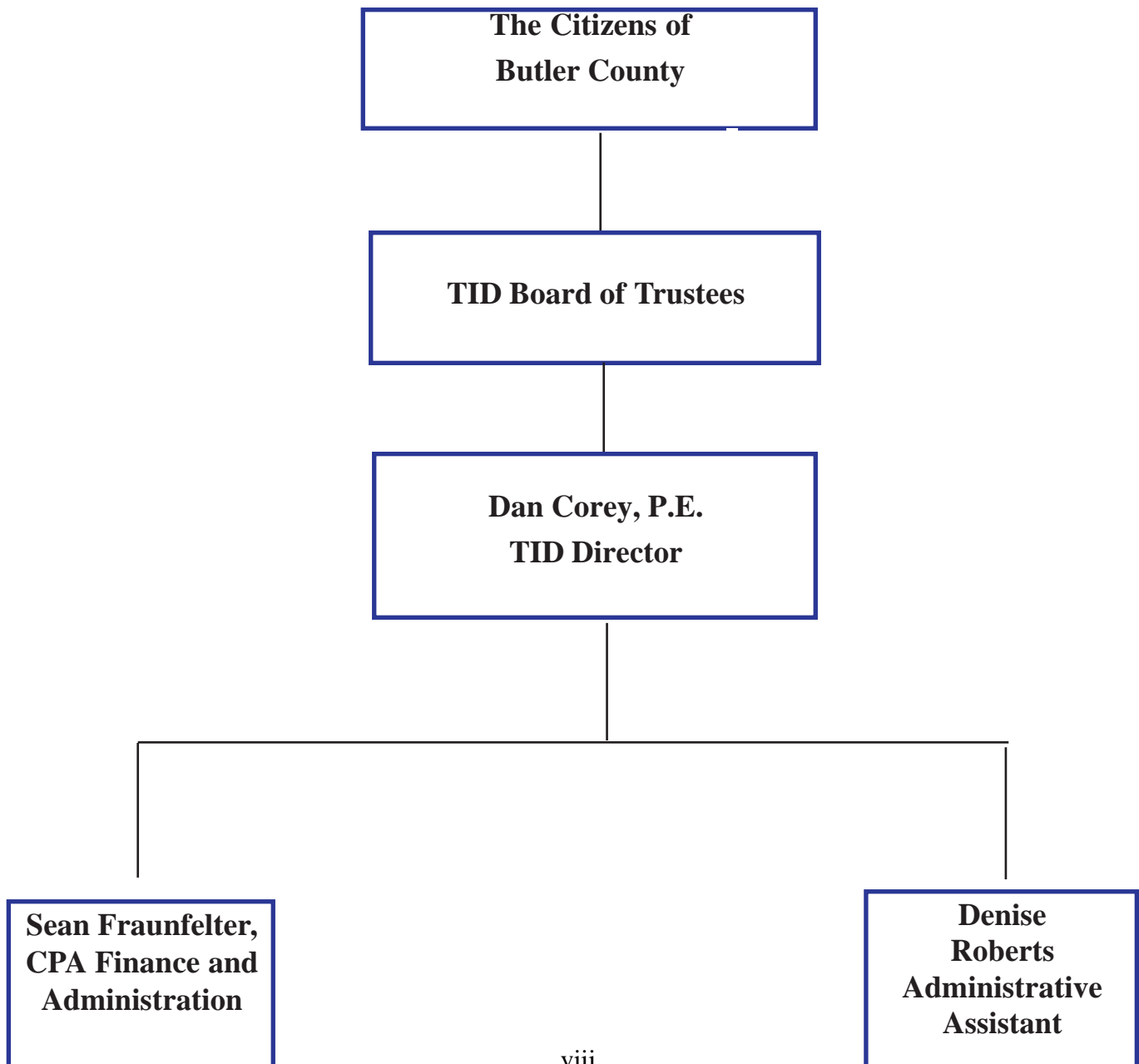
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Christopher P. Morrill

Executive Director/CEO



2020 Staff Organizational Chart



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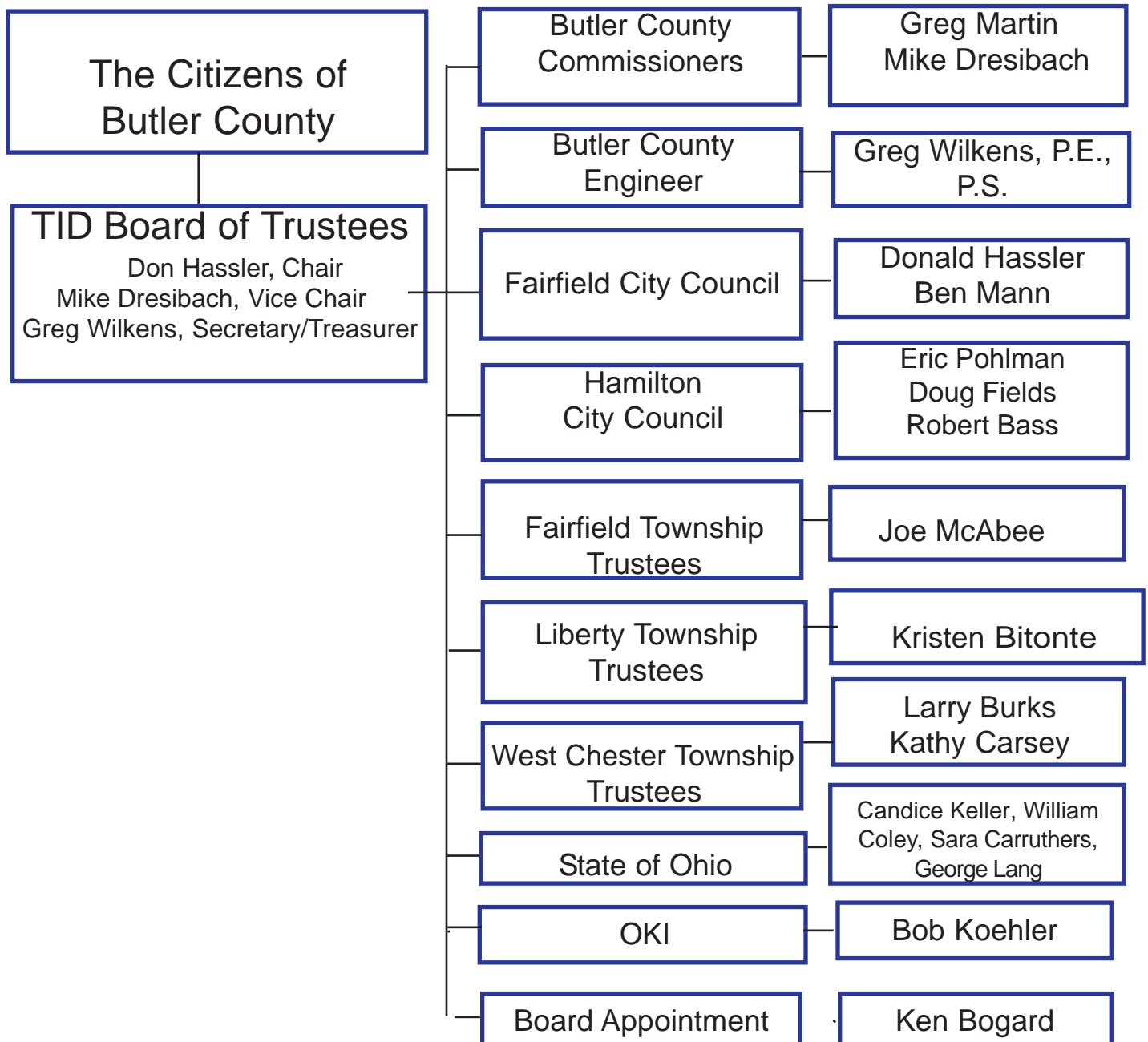


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2020 Board of Trustees

Organizational Chart



FINANCIAL
SECTION

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees
Butler County Transportation Improvement District

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Butler County Transportation Improvement District (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements.

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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position 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, budgetary comparison information and schedules of pension information and postemployment information to 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.

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules and statistical section, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules 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 combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 4, 2021, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Plattensburg & Associates, Inc.

Plattensburg & Associates, Inc.
Cincinnati, Ohio
May 4, 2021

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 (Unaudited)

Our discussion and analysis of the Transportation Improvement District of Butler County, Ohio's financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020. Please review it in conjunction with the transmittal letter and the District's basic financial statements, which begin on page 14.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Total net position decreased \$1.7 million mainly due the District turning over the Salzman Road project to the City of Monroe.
- General revenues accounted for \$0.4 million in revenues or 7 percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and capital grants accounted for \$6.2 million or 93 percent of all revenues excluding the special item.
- The District added \$0.6 million in capital assets during the current year and also reported an intergovernmental expense of \$2.3 million for removing the Salzman Road project from the construction in progress listing. The District also reported an intergovernmental expense for the excess funds in the Liberty Trust account for cash held at year end that was not paid out until January 2021.
- Among the major funds, the Liberty Interchange fund saw local government contributions of \$7.2 million to cover the 2016 bond obligation. The South Hamilton Crossing fund saw the project wrap most of the final checklist items with just over \$0.2 million in constructions expenditures.
- Although not reported as major funds for fiscal year 2020, the District and City of Hamilton started the initial engineering phase for the North Hamilton Crossing project expending about \$28,000. The project started in the fourth quarter of 2020. Also, the District and Liberty Township executed an intergovernmental agreement to initiate the interchange modification study for Millikin Road. The Township deposited \$100,000 with the District to kick start the engineering contract with the District contributing \$50,000 of operating funds to the project.
- Since inception, the District has spent approximately \$341 million on construction projects in Butler County proving the District is a vital governmental tool to be used by the local governments to help increase the movement of the Butler County residents and open up valuable acreage for development that will keep Butler County as one of the growing communities in Ohio.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (on pages 14-15) provide information about the activities of the District as a whole and present a longer term view of the District's finances. Fund financial statements start on page 16. These statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the District's most financially significant funds.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 (Unaudited)

Reporting the District as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

The analysis of the District as a whole begins on page 6. One of the most important questions asked about the District's finances is "Is the District as a whole better off or worse as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the District as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to accounting used by most private-sector companies. Accrual of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the District's *Net Position* and changes in it. You can think of the District's Net Position, the difference between assets and deferred outflows, what the District owns, and liabilities and deferred inflows, what the District owes, as one way to measure the District's financial health, or *financial position*. Over time, *increases or decreases* in the District's Net Position are one indicator of whether its *financial health* is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other nonfinancial factors, however, such as changes in the District's jurisdictional area, the availability of capital project needs and continuing local government support to assess the *overall health* of the District.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the District's major funds begins on page 9. The fund financial statements begin on page 16 and provide detailed information about the most significant funds, not the District as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law. However, the Board of Trustees establishes many other funds to help control and manage money for particular purposes (ex. various capital projects funds). The District only has governmental funds.

Governmental Funds: The District's services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual* accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed *short-term view* of the District's operations and the services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental *activities* (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in reconciliation beside the fund financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements: The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the governmental-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 20-49 of this report.

Other information: In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents supplementary information, combining and individual fund statements and schedules and statistical information which can be found on pages 51-86 of this report.

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THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

The District's total Net Position changed from a year ago as a result of additional restricted cash reserves and the removal of the Salzman Road project from the District's asset listing. Our analysis below focuses on the Net Position (Table 1) and Changes in Net Position (Table 2) of the District's governmental activities.

Table 1
Net Position (in millions)

	2019	2020		2019	2020
Current and other assets	\$ 8.3	\$ 12.5	Deferred Inflows	\$ -	\$ -
Noncurrent assets	29.2	26.3			
Capital assets	30.9	29.1	Net position:		
Total Assets	68.4	67.9	Investment in capital assets	30.9	29.1
			Restricted	1.0	1.2
Deferred Outflows	1.2	1.1	Unrestricted	2.7	2.6
			Total net position	\$ 34.6	\$ 32.9
Long-term obligations	(32.3)	(29.7)			
Other liabilities	(2.7)	(6.4)			
Total Liabilities	(35.0)	(36.1)			

In prior years, the District adopted GASB Statement 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27," which significantly revises accounting for pension costs and liabilities. The District adopted GASB Statement 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pension," which significantly revises accounting for other postemployment benefit (OPEB) costs and liabilities. For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the District's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB, the net pension liability and net OPEB liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB.

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

GASB 68 and GASB 75 require the net pension liability and net OPEB liability to equal the District's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

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

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GASB notes that pension and OPEB obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the “employment exchange” – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this pension/OPEB promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the District is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of this liability. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefits recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide these OPEB benefits.

The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer’s promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the pension system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension/OPEB plan *as against the public employer*. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The retirement system is responsible for the administration of the plan.

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

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

Other than pensions/OPEB, net position of the District’s activities decreased \$1.7 million. Unrestricted net position, the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements – decreased slightly from 2019 as the District contributed operating funds to the Millikin Interchange project. The District saw the net investment in capital assets decreased \$1.7 million as the construction in progress on the new projects and finalizing South Hamilton Crossing were not enough to offset the removal of Salzman Road from the asset listing as the road was turned over to the City of Monroe.

The District also saw the current assets increase by \$4.2 million as the restricted cash balances in the Liberty Interchange fund were not dispersed until January 2021, which also results in the other liabilities increasing significantly year over year. The long term obligations decreased about \$2.5 million as the Liberty Interchange bonds and 2019 Refunded State Route 4 Bypass bonds were paid down.

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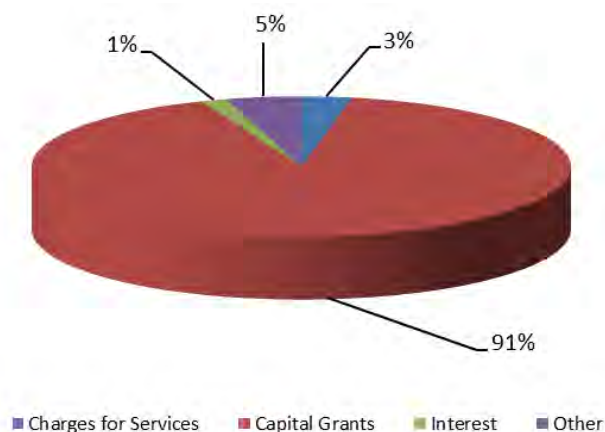
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Table 2 compares the 2019 change in net position to the 2020 change in net position.

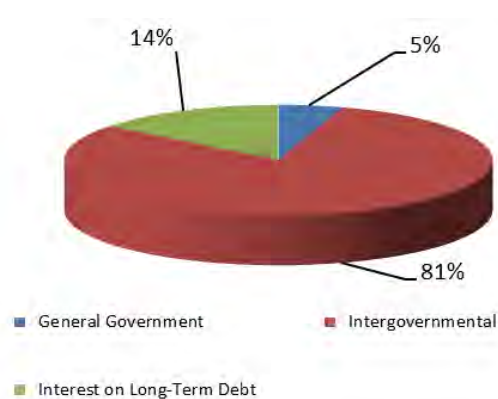
Table 2
Changes in Net Position for 2020
Compared with 2019 activity
(in millions)

	2019	2020	Change
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 0.1	\$ 0.2	\$ 0.1
Capital Grants	7.6	6.0	(1.6)
General Revenues:			
Interest	0.2	0.1	(0.1)
Other	0.4	0.3	(0.1)
Total Revenues	8.3	6.6	(1.7)
Program Expenses			
General Government	0.3	0.4	0.1
Intergovernmental	6.6	6.7	0.1
Interest of Long-Term Debt	1.6	1.2	(0.4)
Total Expenses	8.5	8.3	(0.2)
Change in Net Position	(0.2)	(1.7)	(1.5)
Beginning Net Position	34.8	34.6	(0.2)
Ending Net Position	\$ 34.6	\$ 32.9	\$ (1.7)

2020 Governmental Activities Revenues



2020 Governmental Activities Expenses



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The District saw expenses decrease from 2019 to 2020 mainly from the lower interest expense after the District refunding the State Route 4 Bypass bonds in 2019. The decrease in revenues is attributed to more state, federal and local contributions/reimbursements for the South Hamilton construction project in 2019 than 2020 as the grant funds were completed in early 2020.

Table 3 presents the cost of each of the District's programs as well as each program's net cost (total cost less revenues generated by activities). The net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the District by each of these functions.

Table 3
Governmental Activities
(in millions)

	Total Cost of Services		Net Cost of Services	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
General Government	\$ 0.3	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.6	\$ 0.3
Intergovernmental	6.6	6.7	(1.4)	(2.4)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	1.6	1.2	(0.1)	-
Total Expenses	\$ 8.5	\$ 8.3	\$ (0.9)	\$ (2.1)

As the table above shows, the District works hard to cover the expenses/services the District provides. The interest on long-term debt is specifically covered by intergovernmental agreements. The District repays Liberty Township and Butler County any excess funds on their revenue contributions for the Liberty Interchange debt service but due to timing issues that 2020 payment was made in early 2021 and reported as a payable. The funds received are accounted for a capital grant against both the interest and intergovernmental expenses. The net cost of services for general government is significantly lower in 2019 as the District received revenue for the South Hamilton Crossing with funds received in 2020 being the final amount remaining.

THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

Table 4 presents the fund balances of the individual major funds and total nonmajor funds and an analysis of significant changes in the fund balances.

Table 4
Year End Fund Balances in (Millions)

	2019	2020	% Change
General	\$ 5.0	\$ 5.0	0.0%
Liberty Interchange	-	-	0.0%
State Route 4 Bypass Widening	-	-	0.0%
South Hamilton Crossing	0.3	0.5	66.7%
Nonmajor Funds	0.7	0.7	0.0%
Total Governmental Balances	\$ 6.0	\$ 6.2	3.3%

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The **General Fund** realized a slight increase as the District received \$209,736 as an administration fees which is mainly related to the final South Hamilton Crossing fee. The District's operating expenditures are approximately \$325,000 annually. The District also contributed \$50,000 to the Millikin Interchange project during 2020. When administrative fees are down, the District is required to use the cash balance to cover the operating deficit. The District entered into an agreement with the Warren County TID to share the District's Executive Director. The reimbursement of sharing services is reported in other revenues but helps reduce the overall operating expenditures to about \$255,000.

The **Liberty Interchange Fund** remained unchanged from 2019 to 2020 as the only remaining balance at year end is interest earned in the account during December. The District pays debt service from the fund and then returns the remaining balance to Butler County and Liberty Township based on their annual contribution percentages. The payment was made in January 2021 but is reported as a payable to stay within the trust indenture recognition.

The **State Route Bypass 4 Widening Fund** increased from the prior year as the operating fund transferred monies to cover the prior year trustee fees that were not included in the funding agreement for the debt service that the three local governments contributed to the District annually.

The **South Hamilton Crossing Fund** increased by 67% as the remaining grant balances for right of way and construction management were drawn out during 2020. All grant funds were successfully captured reducing the local share for the City of Hamilton significantly.

The **Other Nonmajor Funds** accounts for the prior project funds the District still maintains that have little to no balance in them. The Salzman Road relocation project was initiated in the fourth quarter of 2014. The District is holding about \$39,000 for remaining utility work. The District reports the Gilmore Road here as well. The fund saw the final draw on the state grant for engineering work. The District reports North Hamilton Crossing as nonmajor currently. The project started engineering in late 2019. The newest fund for the District is the Millikin Interchange fund. Liberty Township and the District contributed a total of \$150,000 for the first phase of the interchange modification study during 2020.

Table 5 presents a summary of governmental fund revenues for the 2020 fiscal year and the amounts and percentages of increases and decreases in relation to the prior year.

Table 5
Total Governmental Fund Revenues

	2020	Percent	Increase (Decrease)	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Revenue Source	Amount	of Total	Over 2019	
Intergovernmental	\$ 8,503,819	95.5%	\$ (1,939,718)	-18.6%
Charges for Services	209,736	2.4%	145,705	227.6%
Investment Earnings	121,273	1.4%	(93,434)	-43.5%
Other	73,360	0.8%	(76,117)	-50.9%
Total	\$ 8,908,188	100.0%	\$ (1,963,564)	-18.1%

The 18% decrease in **intergovernmental revenues** is related to the state, federal and local contributions for the construction component of the South Hamilton Crossing and Salzman Road projects being less than the prior year as the grants for the South Hamilton Crossing project were reimbursed at a lower percentage.

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Investment Earnings decreased in 2020 as District was able to invest available cash balances that generated close to two percent during 2019 but 2020 dropped down to 1.27 percent by December 2020. The District's decrease in **other revenues** relates rebate received in the prior State Route 4 Bypass recovery zone bonds. The District refunded those bonds and eliminated the rebate.

The District also saw **Charges for Services** increase as the District saw the final administrative fee on the South Hamilton Crossing received by the end of 2020. The District also collects charges for services from the Montgomery County TID accounting services.

Table 6 presents the General Fund budget and the difference between the original budget and final budget for fiscal year 2020. Table 7 discusses the variance between the final budget and the actual results for the fiscal year.

Original versus Final Budget

Table 6
Original and Final Budget - General Fund

	Original	Final	Variance
Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 26,000	\$ 189,625	\$ 163,625
Investment Earnings	100,000	70,000	(30,000)
Other	50,000	74,200	24,200
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General Government	695,000	345,528	(349,472)
Other Financing Uses:			
Transfers Out	50,000	50,000	-

The District's charges for services were initially budgeted for only reimbursement from the Montgomery County TID for shared services. The final budget included the balance of administrative fees charged on the South Hamilton Crossing Project. The budgeted expenditures were decreased as District had anticipated contributing more to project development than what occurred during the year. The District contributed \$50,000 to the Millikin Interchange project but the additional funds for that project and North Hamilton Crossing were pushed back to 2021.

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Final Budget versus Actual

Table 7
Final Budget versus Actual Results
General Fund

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 189,625	\$ 209,486	\$ 19,861
Investment Earnings	70,000	76,095	6,095
Other	74,200	57,298	(16,902)
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General Government	345,528	330,429	15,099
Other Financing Uses			
Transfers Out	50,000	56,108	(6,108)

As discussed above, the District worked through 2020 with a very lean operating system. The District continues to focus on bringing expenditures in under budget so the additional hours anticipated for staff weren't needed and some project development expenditures were pushed into 2021. The actual investment earnings exceeded what was budgeted as the District's main investment account was still over 1.2% at year end.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At year-end, the District had \$29.1 million invested in construction in progress assets. This amount represents a decrease of \$1.7 million, or 5.5%, over the last year. The District spent those funds on mainly the South Hamilton Crossing project for construction, which helps offset the decrease from turning the Salzman Road project over to the City of Monroe. For more information on capital assets, see Note 6 of the financial statements.

Debt Administration

At year end, the District had \$25 million in special obligation bonds for construction of the Liberty Interchange related projects outstanding. The debt is backed by intergovernmental agreements with Liberty Township, Butler County and West Chester Township. The project financing would not have occurred without the commitment of those governments. For more detailed information on this transaction, refer to Note 9 of the basic financial statements.

During 2009, the District saw the City of Hamilton, Butler County and Fairfield Township agree to support a \$7.3 million special obligation bond for the local share on the District's phases of the State Route 4 Bypass widening project. The bonds were issued under the economic recovery zone bond program so the participating governments received a 45% credit on the interest paid. This is critical for helping reduce the overall burden to these governments. The debt was refunded during the 2019 year. The District reports \$3.5 million in outstanding principal for 2020. For more detailed information on this transaction, refer to Note 9 of the basic financial statements.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 (Unaudited)

ECONOMIC FACTORS

The District has operated in Southeastern Butler County since its 1994 formation. The District has focused on finishing out the pending items on the South Hamilton Crossing project during 2020. The project opened up significant developable acreage within the City of Hamilton when the overpass opened to traffic in 2019. The District was successful in obtaining \$12.5 million for construction funding through TRAC and OKI that also required significant local contributions from the City. The District is wrapping up the City of Fairfield on the Gilmore Road project that will help reduce congestion around the Interstate 275 ramp. The District has also been working with Liberty Township on the interchange modification study for the Millikin Road interchange project. The study will be reviewed for approval in late 2021. The District and City of Hamilton have started initial engineering design for the North Hamilton Crossing to aid the City is upgrading access in the area for future development including the Spooky Nook development scheduled to open in 2021.

It is important that the District is able to succeed in the development of these projects not only for Butler County and its residents, but also for the longevity of the District. The District has no continuing revenue source except an administration fee charged on the various projects that it conducts. With additional construction projects to better the transportation quality in Butler County, the District will continue to provide the residents of Butler County with an easier way to get from one place to the next.

In 2018, the District sold approximately fifteen acres of developable land in the Liberty Interchange area along the northeast corner of the Cox Road/Liberty Way intersection for \$4.4 million. The District continues to use these funds for the administrative expenses when project revenue is down and possibly initiate future project development as determined by our Director and Board of Trustees. During 2019, the Board of Trustees committed \$250,000 to the North Hamilton Crossing project to match the City's initial commitment of \$375,000 with another \$375,000 pledged by the City during the first quarter of fiscal year 2021. During 2020, the District contributed \$50,000 to the Millikin Interchange project and looking to contribute additional funds during 2021.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District'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 to the Office of the Finance Director, 1921 Fairgrove Ave., Hamilton, Ohio 45011

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Finance and Administration

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2020

Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 5,038,529
Restricted Cash with Fiscal Agent	3,926,380
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,192,768
Accounts Receivable	21,239
Interest Receivable	14,132
Intergovernmental Receivables	2,309,000
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	<u>12,502,048</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Prepaid Insurance	46,915
Intergovernmental Receivables	26,221,000
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	29,158,418
<i>Total Noncurrent Assets</i>	<u>55,426,333</u>
Total Assets	<u>67,928,381</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources:	
Deferred Charge on Bond Refunding	1,080,678
OPEB	12,562
Pensions	25,613
Deferred Outflows of Resources:	<u>1,118,853</u>
Liabilities:	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	19,329
Contracts Payable	26,095
Accrued Wages and Benefits	9,679
Intergovernmental Payable	3,928,272
Accrued Interest Payable	99,232
Special Obligation Bonds Payable - Current	2,309,000
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>	<u>6,391,607</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Net Pension Liability	107,921
Net OPEB Liability	70,168
Special Obligation Bonds Payable	29,545,864
<i>Total Noncurrent Liabilities</i>	<u>29,723,953</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>36,115,560</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:	
Deferred Charge on Bond Refunding	18,114
OPEB	12,483
Pensions	29,660
Deferred Inflows of Resources:	<u>60,257</u>
Net Position:	
Net investment in capital assets	29,158,418
Restricted for:	
Capital Improvements	1,158,918
Debt Service	13
Unrestricted	2,554,068
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 32,871,417</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net Revenue (Expense) and Change in Net Position Primary Government Governmental Activities
		Charges for Services	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Primary Government:				
Governmental Activities:				
General Government	\$ 349,068	\$ 209,736	\$ 417,668	\$ 278,336
Intergovernmental	6,720,519	-	4,331,987	(2,388,532)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	1,215,245	-	1,215,245	-
Total Primary Government	\$ 8,284,832	\$ 209,736	\$ 5,964,900	(2,110,196)
General Revenues:				
Unrestricted Investment Earnings				121,273
Miscellaneous				323,671
Total General Revenues				444,944
Change in Net Position				(1,665,252)
Net Position - Beginning				34,536,669
Net Position - Ending				\$ 32,871,417

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Liberty Interchange</u>	<u>State Route 4 Bypass Widening</u>	<u>South Hamilton Crossing</u>
Assets:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 5,038,529	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Receivables:				
Accounts, net	21,239	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	24,990,000	3,540,000	-
Interest	14,132	-	-	-
Interfund Loan	9,315	-	-	-
Restricted Assets:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	-	-	508,320
Cash with Fiscal Agent	-	3,926,380	-	-
Total Assets	<u>\$ 5,083,215</u>	<u>\$ 28,916,380</u>	<u>\$ 3,540,000</u>	<u>\$ 508,320</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance				
Liabilities:				
Payable:				
Accounts	\$ 11,574	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,427
Contracts	-	-	-	-
Accrued Wages and Benefits	9,679	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	1,905	3,926,367	-	-
Interfund Loan	-	-	3,004	-
Total Liabilities	<u>23,158</u>	<u>3,926,367</u>	<u>3,004</u>	<u>7,427</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Unavailable revenue - miscellaneous revenues	4,025	-	-	-
Unavailable revenue - intergovernmental revenues	-	24,990,000	3,540,000	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>4,025</u>	<u>24,990,000</u>	<u>3,540,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances:				
Restricted:				
Debt Service	-	13	-	-
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	500,893
Committed:				
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-
Unassigned:				
General	5,056,032	-	-	-
Capital Projects (Deficit)	-	-	(3,004)	-
Total Fund Balances	<u>5,056,032</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>(3,004)</u>	<u>500,893</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 5,083,215</u>	<u>\$ 28,916,380</u>	<u>\$ 3,540,000</u>	<u>\$ 508,320</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

**Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to
Net Position of Governmental Activities
December 31, 2020**

Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds		
		Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 6,205,648
		<i>Amounts reported in governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:</i>	
\$ -	\$ 5,038,529	Capital assets used in the governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	29,158,418
-	21,239		
-	28,530,000		
-	14,132	Prepaid insurance premiums reported as an expenditures period expenditures and therefore are deferred in governmental funds are allocated as an expense	46,915
-	9,315		
684,448	1,192,768		
-	3,926,380	Other long term assets are not available for current period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	28,534,025
\$ 684,448	\$ 38,732,363		
		Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(30,891,532)
\$ 328	\$ 19,329	The net pension/OPEB liability is not due and payable in the current period; therefore, the liability and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in the governmental funds:	
26,095	26,095	Deferred Outflows - Pensions/OPEB	38,175
-	9,679	Deferred Inflows - Pensions/OPEB	(42,143)
-	3,928,272	Net Pension/OPEB Liability	(178,089)
6,311	9,315		
32,734	3,992,690		
		<i>Net Position of Governmental Activities</i>	\$ 32,871,417
-	4,025		
-	28,530,000		
-	28,534,025		
-	13		
408,025	908,918		
250,000	250,000		
-	5,056,032		
(6,311)	(9,315)		
651,714	6,205,648		
\$ 684,448	\$ 38,732,363		

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	General	Liberty Interchange	State Route 4 Bypass Widening	South Hamilton Crossing
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ 7,214,409	\$ 683,808	\$ 417,668
Charges for Services	209,736	-	-	-
Investment Earnings	116,760	3,589	21	903
All Other	71,637	1,723	-	-
Total Revenues	398,133	7,219,721	683,829	418,571
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government	327,619	-	-	651
Intergovernmental	-	4,363,445	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	200,000	-	217,747
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	-	1,605,000	607,000	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	1,051,500	76,808	-
Total Expenditures	327,619	7,219,945	683,808	218,398
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	70,514	(224)	21	200,173
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers In	-	-	6,108	-
Transfers Out	(56,108)	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(56,108)	-	6,108	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	14,406	(224)	6,129	200,173
Fund Balances - beginning	5,041,626	237	(9,133)	300,720
Fund Balances (Deficit) - ending	\$ 5,056,032	\$ 13	\$ (3,004)	\$ 500,893

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

		Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2020	
Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds		
		Net Change in Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 212,972
\$ 187,934	\$ 8,503,819	Amounts reported for the governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
-	209,736	Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; however, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated to the projects as construction in progress.	551,591
-	121,273	Donating construction in progress capital assets to local government.	(2,268,877)
-	73,360	Governmental funds report premiums as other financing sources, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized on the statement of activities.	246,286
187,934	8,908,188	Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as such in the funds.	(2,534,894)
23,405	351,675	In the statement of activities, interest and charges are accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas, in governmental funds, they are reported when due.	(5,427)
3,824	4,367,269	Bonds payable are due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the statement of activities	
218,217	635,964	Bond Payments	2,212,000
-	2,212,000	The issuance of long term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, then the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of Net Position. In the current year, this amount relates to the following:	
-	1,128,308	Amortization of Deferred Charge	(78,027)
245,446	8,695,216	Prepaid insurance amortized	(3,483)
(57,512)	212,972	Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of activities reports these amounts as deferred outflows.	(19,995)
50,000	56,108	Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension/OPEB liability are reported as pension/OPEB expense in the statement of activities	22,602
-	(56,108)		
50,000	-	Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (1,665,252)</u>
(7,512)	212,972		
659,226	5,992,676		
<u>\$ 651,714</u>	<u>\$ 6,205,648</u>		

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Transportation Improvement District of Butler County (the “District”) is a body, both corporate and politic, created for the purpose of financing, constructing, maintaining, repairing and operating selected transportation projects. The District was specifically formed under the auspices of House Bill 154, and Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 5540, as amended, and created by action of the Board of County Commissioners of Butler County on December 7, 1993.

The District is a jointly governed entity administered by a Board of Trustees (“Board”) that acts as the authoritative and legislative body of the entity. The Board is comprised of eighteen board members, of whom thirteen are voting and five are non-voting appointed by the relative member governments. Of the eighteen, three are elected as officers of the District; Chair (person), Vice-Chair (person), and Secretary-Treasurer. Each Officer serves a term of one year; there are no term limits for reappointment. The member governments include the following political subdivisions: Butler County, the City of Hamilton, the City of Fairfield, Fairfield Township, West Chester Township, Liberty Township, the State of Ohio, and the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments. No board members receive compensation for serving on the Board, except for the Director.

The Board of Trustees annually appoints the Chair (person) of the Board from existing board members. The Chair responsibilities are to preside at all meetings of the Board; be the chief officer of the District; perform all duties commonly incident to the position of presiding officer of a board, commission or business organization and exercise supervision over the business of the District, its officers and employees.

The Board of Trustees appoints a Director of the District. The position of the Director is a non-voting position on the Board, and the Director receives annual compensation for his duties. The compensation package of the Director is passed by resolution of the Board. The Director’s main responsibility is acting as chief executive officer of the District as prescribed by the Board of Trustees.

The accompanying statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The financial statements include all organizations, activities, and functions that comprise the District. Component units are legally separate entities for which the District (the primary entity) is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as the ability to appoint a voting majority of the organization’s governing body and either (1) the District’s ability to impose its will over the organization or (2) the potential that the organization will provide a financial benefit to, or impose a financial burden on, the District. Using these criteria, the District has no component units.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO
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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. 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 of the activities of the District.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. 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 District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Intergovernmental reimbursements associated with the current fiscal period are all considered susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period within the government wide statements. All other revenue items are considered measurable and available only when the District receives the actual revenue.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The District only uses governmental funds.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental funds reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purpose for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities and deferred inflows is reported as fund balance.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources of the District except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio and the bylaws of the District.

Liberty Interchange Capital Projects Fund – This project involved the reconfiguration of the State Route 129 Extension at Interstate 75. The interchange was reconstructed to allow an eastward movement through a collector-distributor connection with Liberty Way. This fund also accounted for the auxiliary road improvements around the interchange. The TID completed financing for the project during 2007 while right of way acquisition started in 2006. The ground breaking for the project was done in the fourth quarter of 2007. The project was completed and open to traffic in October 2009. The local governments have revenue contribution agreements in place to cover the debt service. Under terms of the trust indenture, any excess funds remaining at December 15 annually are returned to Butler County and Liberty Township. For fiscal year 2020, that payment was not made until January 2021 resulting in a larger accounts payable at year end. During 2015, the District started an interchange modification study to evaluate traffic patterns from development. In 2020, the District successful received a \$200,000 grant for assistance in right of way acquisition with the Butler County Engineer’s Office.

State Route 4 Bypass Widening Capital Projects Fund – This project accounted for the engineering and environmental work to proceed with widening State Route 4 Bypass from the two terminus points on State Route 4. The TID and Butler County Engineer received stimulus funding and other state grants to complete Phases 1, 2 and 3 which started in 2010 and were open to traffic in 2011. The City of Fairfield was under construction for their phase during 2010 and completed it during 2012. The District finished the construction aspect of Phase 5A during 2012. The local governments are continuing to pay for the related debt service on the project. During 2019, the District refunded the 2009 bonds to achieve a significant net present value savings.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

South Hamilton Crossing Fund – This project accounts for the study, engineering, right of way acquisition and construction of a railroad overpass along Grand Avenue in the southern portion of the City of Hamilton. The District was successful in receiving a \$10 million allocation through the Ohio Department of Transportation’s TRAC project and \$2.75 million OKI STP grant to fund a large portion of the construction cost. The project was open to traffic in November 2018. The District expects to close out the remaining items in 2021. The fund doesn’t qualify as a major fund but the District has elected to present it as such for 2020.

Revenues - Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving value in return, includes grants and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specific purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must be available before it can be recognized.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position represents a composition of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources until then. The District reports deferred outflows of resources on the government-wide statement of net position for pension/other post-employment benefits (OPEB) items and deferred charge on 2016 refunding bond issue. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension/OPEB are explained in Notes 7 and 8.

Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will be recognized until that time. Grants received before the eligibility requirements are met and pensions are also recorded as deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension/OPEB and deferred charge on the 2019 refunding bond issue are reported on the government-wide statement of net position (see Notes 7 and 8). On governmental fund financial statements, receivables that will not be collected within the available period have also been reported as deferred inflows of resources. The District reports a deferred inflow for the amounts remaining on the debt obligations for both the Liberty Interchange and State Route 4 Bypass Widening projects.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Expenses/Expenditures

On an accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable.

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash received by the District is pooled for investment purposes. Equity interest in the pool is presented as “Cash and Cash Equivalents” on the statement of net position and governmental fund balance sheet by activity or fund. The District utilizes a financial institution for the management of trust accounts for the Liberty Interchange project. The balances in these accounts are presented on the financial statements as “Restricted Cash with Fiscal Agent.” The District reports “Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents” for project funds. In the South Hamilton Crossing fund, there are deposits from the City of Hamilton held for the project expenditures with any remaining balance returning to the City. In the nonmajor funds, the District holds from the City of Hamilton for the initial project phase on the North Hamilton Crossing and funds from Liberty Township and the District’s own financial contribution to the Millikin Interchange modification study.

During fiscal year 2020, investments were limited to U.S Treasury bills, STAR Ohio and money market mutual funds. Except for nonparticipating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value that is based on quoted market prices. Investment contracts and money market investments that have a remaining maturity of one year or less at the time of purchase are reported at cost or amortized cost.

STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer’s Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio’s share price which is the price the investment could be sold for on December 31, 2020.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Trustees has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2020 amounts to \$116,760, with no interest assigned to other funds as they operate on a reimbursement basis and do not receive interest. The Liberty Interchange and State Route 4 Bypass Widening capital projects funds also received interest on trust accounts of \$3,589 and \$21 respectively. The District maintains the South Hamilton Crossing fund monies from the City of Hamilton in a separate bank deposit account that generated \$903 for the fiscal year.

For presentation in the financial statements, investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the District are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an original maturity of more than three months that are not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO
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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets are cash and cash equivalents whose use is limited by legal requirements. Restricted cash with fiscal agent represent amounts required by debt covenant to be segregated for construction expenses and future debt service on the outstanding bonds. Restricted cash and cash equivalents are related to City of Hamilton deposits on the South Hamilton Crossing as local match requirements for project expenditures and intergovernmental contributions for the initial project expenditures on the North Hamilton Crossing and Millikin Interchange projects.

F. Interfund Transactions

During the course of normal operations, the District has numerous transactions between funds.

On the governmental funds balance sheet, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as “interfund loan receivables/payables.” These amounts are eliminated on the statement of net position.

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported on the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. The District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset’s life are not. The District maintains the ownership of the asset until a dedication plat is filed with the participating government for recording of the road. There were no projects dedicated during the fiscal year.

H. Prepaid Insurance

The District issued the 2016 Refunding Special Obligation Bonds in relation to the 2017 Liberty Interchange project with bond insurance to produce a lower effective interest rate on the bonds. Under GASB 65, that initial payment is amortized over the remaining life of the bonds.

I. Compensated Absences

The District does not accrue compensatory time on exempt employees. Sick leave is allowed to be carried over to the next fiscal year but cannot be paid out in any case. Vacation time is earned by the District’s administrative assistant and can be carried over into the next year with permission of the Director. The accrued balance of \$3,347 is accounted for in accrued wages and benefits.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

J. Intergovernmental Revenues

For governmental funds, intergovernmental revenues, such as contributions awarded on a non-reimbursement basis, are recorded as receivables and revenues when measurable and available.

K. Pensions/ Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

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

L. Fund Balance

The District reports fund balance under GASB No. 54 “*Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*”. The District reports the following categories:

- Restricted fund balances in the Liberty Interchange Fund of \$13 for debt service purposes. South Hamilton Crossing shows \$500,893 restricted for capital improvements relates to the remaining City of Hamilton allocation for funds for local match on construction grants. \$39,434 restricted for cash advances from the local governments that are held for the final utility construction invoices not received as of December 31, 2020 for Salzman Road, \$337,531 from the City of Hamilton and District for future design study work on the North Hamilton Crossing project and \$31,060 for the interchange modification study on the Millikin Interchange project.
- Committed fund balances are balances the District Board has formally allocated. The District reports their \$250,000 contribution to the North Hamilton Crossing project as committed since the transfer was approved through a Board of Trustees approved intergovernmental agreement with the City of Hamilton.
- Assigned fund balances are balances the District administration have specified the future use. The District has no balance to report in this category.
- Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

The District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted amounts are available.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO
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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

M. Net Position

Net position presents the difference between assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows in the statement of net position. Net position – net investment in capital assets is capital assets reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are legal limitations imposed on their use by District legislation or external restrictions by creditors, grantors, laws or regulations of other governments. The District applies restricted resources first when expenses are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted amounts are available.

N. Estimates

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

P. Reconciliation of government-wide and fund financial statements

Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net position:

The governmental fund balance sheet includes reconciliation between *fund balance - total governmental funds* and *net position - governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of net position. One element of that reconciliation explains that “long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.” The details of this (\$30,891,532) difference are as follows:

Special Obligation Bonds Payable	(\$28,530,000)
Special Obligation Bonds – Premium	(3,324,864)
Accrued Interest Payable	(99,232)
Net Deferred Charge on Refunding Bonds Payable	1,062,564
Net Adjustment to reduce <i>fund balance - total governmental funds</i> to arrive at <i>net position - governmental activities</i>	(\$30,891,532)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

NOTE 2 – ACCOUNTABILITY

Fund Deficits

At December 31, 2020, the following funds had a deficit fund balance:

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
State Route 4 Bypass Widening	\$ 3,004
Gilmore Road Project	6,311

The deficits in the funds were due to timing of reimbursement at year end and gaap adjustments. The General Fund provides transfers to cover deficit balances; however, this is done when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur.

Compliance

The following funds had appropriations in excess of available resources:

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
South Hamilton Crossing	\$ 364,180

The deficit was the result of a higher budgeted intergovernmental payment than the budgeted resources during the year.

NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Cash resources of several individual funds are combined to form a pool of cash and investments. In addition, investments are separately held by a number of individual funds. The following is a list of the allowable investments for the District:

- United States Treasury notes, bills, bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States;
- Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the federal national mortgage association, federal home loan bank, federal farm credit bank, federal home loan mortgage corporation, government national mortgage association, and student loan marketing association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
- Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above, provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;

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NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

- Interim deposits in eligible institutions applying for interim funds;
- Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
- No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in the first two bullets of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
- The State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio);
- Certain banker's acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days from the purchase date in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time; and,
- Under limited circumstances, corporate debt obligations rated in either of the two highest rating classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District, and must be purchased with the expectation it will be held to maturity. Investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Finance Director or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

A. Deposits

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial Credit Risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a custodial credit risk policy beyond what the State statute requires.

At year-end the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$4,245,292 and the bank balance was \$4,251,551. \$2,264,519 of bank balances was covered by federal depository insurance coverage with \$1,987,032 was not exposed to custodial credit risk since it was collateralized with securities held in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System.

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NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

B. Investments

As of December 31, 2020, the District had the following investments.

	Fair Value	Fair Value Measurement Using	Average Year to Maturity	S&P Rating	Concentration of Credit Risk
STAROhio	\$1,042,905	NA	0.10	AAAm	17.64%
United States Treasury Notes	521,448	Level 1	1.02	AA+	8.82%
Federal Farm Credit Corporation Notes	134,672	Level 2	4.08	AAA	2.28%
Federal Home National Mortgage Association Notes	140,056	Level 2	4.82	AAA	2.37%
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Notes	140,008	Level 2	4.98	AAA	2.37%
Money Market Accounts	3,933,296	NA	0.00	AAAm	66.52%
Totals	<u>\$5,912,385</u>				

Fair Value Measurement:

Fair value as defined by GASB Statement No. 72 requires the District to apply valuation techniques that best represent fair value in the circumstances-market approach, cost approach and income approach. The following are the levels for which inputs can be measured. Level 1 – quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets/liabilities (most reliable); Level 2 – quoted prices for similar assets/liabilities, quoted price for identical assets/liabilities or similar assets/liabilities in markets that are not active, or other quoted prices that are observable; and Level 3 – unobservable inputs (least reliable). As discussed further in Note 2D, STAR Ohio is reported at its share price.

Custodial Credit Risk

The risk that, in the event of a failure of a counter party, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District employs the use of “safekeeping” accounts to hold and maintain custody of its investments as identified within this policy and as a means of mitigating this risk.

Interest Rate Risk

The risk that the District will incur fair value losses arising from rising interest rates. Such risk is mitigated by the investment policy by limiting investments to certain maximum maturities. As a rule, unless specified otherwise within the policy, investments are to have a maximum maturity of five years unless the investment is matched to a specific expenditure. The context of a specific investment purchase must be weighed in proportion to the remainder of the existing investment portfolio and the “prudent investor” rule to attempt to limit such risk.

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NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The District has no investment policy dealing with credit risk except to maintain investments that are subject the investment policy.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single user. The District's investment policy allows investments in Federal Agencies or Instrumentalities.

NOTE 4 – INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS

Interfund balances at December 31, 2020, consist of the following individual receivables and payables in the governmental fund balance sheet (such amounts are removed in the statement of net position).

Fund	Interfund Loan Receivable	Interfund Loan Payable	Transfers In	Transfers Out
General Fund	\$9,315	\$0	\$0	\$56,108
Capital Projects Funds:				
State Route 4 Bypass Widening	0	3,004	6,108	0
Non-Major Funds	0	6,311	50,000	0

The District had two funds with an interfund payable for expenditures incurred but no reimbursement was received during the current year. The District transferred \$6,108 to the State Route 4 Bypass Widening fund to cover prior year trust expenditures since the trust account was closed in 2020 and \$50,000 to the Millikin Interchange fund for TID contributions to the engineering phase.

NOTE 5 – INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES

The following entities, which are a part of the District, have contributed the following funds during 2020:

Member Name	Contribution
Butler County	\$4,815,681
Liberty Township	2,247,184
City of Hamilton	165,171
Ohio Department of Transportation	705,602
Fairfield Township	387,894
West Chester Township	182,287
Totals	<u>\$8,503,819</u>

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NOTE 5 – INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES

(Continued)

Charges for services recorded in the General Fund, represents the District’s contract with the Montgomery County TID for providing monthly financial services and part of the project administration fee on South Hamilton Crossing Project.

NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Summary by category of changes in capital assets:

Category	December 31, 2019	Additions	Deletions	December 31, 2020
Construction in Progress	\$30,875,704	\$551,591	(\$2,268,877)	\$29,158,418

For 2020, the construction on the South Hamilton Crossing project and right of way on the Liberty Interchange modification project contributed to the increase in capital assets. The District also removed the construction in progress balance on the Salzman Road extension project as the City of Monroe has responsibility for maintenance of the road.

NOTE 7 – PENSION PLANS

A. Net Pension Liability

The net pension liability reported on the statement of net position represents a liability to employees for pensions. Pensions are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

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

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

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GASB 68 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable.

The proportionate share of the plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *intergovernmental payable* on the accrual basis of accounting.

Plan Description – The District employees participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan and the combined plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with defined contribution features. While members (District employees) may elect the member-directed plan and the combined plan, substantially all employee members are in OPERS' traditional plan; therefore, the following disclosure focuses on the traditional pension plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional plan. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

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

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Group A	Group B	Group C
Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire tens years after January 7, 2013	Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit; or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit; or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 62 with 5 years of service credit; or Age 57 with 25 years of service credit
Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35

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

Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount.

When a benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) is provided. This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. For those retiring prior to January 7, 2013, the COLA will continue to be a 3 percent simple annual COLA. For those retiring subsequent to January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the COLA will be based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent. A death benefit of \$500-\$2,500, determined by the number of years of service credit of the retiree, is paid to the beneficiary of a deceased retiree or disability benefit recipient under the Traditional Pension Plan

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

	<u>State and Local</u>
2020 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates	
Employer	14.0 %
Employee	10.0 %
2020 Actual Contribution Rates	
Employer:	
Pension	14.0 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits	0.0
Total Employer	<u>14.0 %</u>
Employee	<u>10.0 %</u>

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

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Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The District's contractually required contribution was \$19,995 for the year ending December 31, 2020. Of this amount, \$886 is reported as a liability within the general fund.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2019, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	OPERS
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability - prior measurement date	0.000575%
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability - current measurement date	<u>0.000546%</u>
Change in proportionate share	<u><u>-0.000029%</u></u>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$107,921
Net Pension Expense	\$ 24,845

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At December 31, 2020 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following source:

	OPERS
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Changes in assumptions	\$ 5,618
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	19,995
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$25,613</u>
 Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$1,350
Changes in proportionate share	6,460
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	21,850
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$29,660</u>

\$19,995 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from the District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	OPERS
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	
2021	(\$7,126)
2022	(9,018)
2023	650
2024	(8,548)
Total	<u>(\$24,042)</u>

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Actuarial Methods and Assumptions - OPERS

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

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2019 using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67. Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, prepared as of December 31, 2019 are presented as follows:

Wage Inflation	3.25 percent
Projected Salary Increases	3.25 percent to 10.75 percent (Includes wage inflation 3.25%)
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	Pre 1/7/2013 Retirees: 3 percent Simple Post 1/7/13 Retirees: 3% simple through 2020, then 2.15% simple
Investment Rate of Return	7.20 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age

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

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

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NOTE 7 – PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.2% for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers are made at the contractually required rates, as actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following table presents the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.2 percent, as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.2 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8.2 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.20%)	Current Discount Rate (7.20%)	1% Increase (8.20%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$177,996	\$107,921	\$44,925

The allocation of investment assets with the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2019 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

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NOTE 7 – PENSION PLANS (Continued)

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed Income	25.00 %	1.83 %
Domestic Equities	19.00	5.75
Real Estate	10.00	5.20
Private Equity	12.00	10.70
International Equities	21.00	7.66
Other Investments	<u>13.00</u>	4.98
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

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

During 2019, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio, and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio contains the investment assets for the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. Within the Defined Benefit portfolio, contributions into the plans are all recorded at the same time, and benefit payments all occur on the first of the month. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Defined Benefit portfolio was 17.2% for 2019.

NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS

Net OPEB Liability

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

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NOTE 8 –DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

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

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

GASB 75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because they benefit from employee services. OPEB contributions come from these employers and health care plan enrollees which pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. The Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. Any change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net OPEB liability. Resulting adjustments to the net OPEB liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

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

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

In order to qualify for postemployment health care coverage, age and service retirees under the traditional pension and combined plans must have twenty or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. The health care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement 75. See OPERS' comprehensive annual financial report referenced below for additional information.

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NOTE 8 –DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

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

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

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS' Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans. Beginning in 2018, health care is not being funded.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2020, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0 percent of earnable salary. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. As recommended by OPERS' actuary, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care beginning January 1, 2018 decreased to 0 percent for both plans. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA for participants in the Member-Directed Plan for 2020 was 4.0 percent.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The District's contractually required contribution was \$0 for 2020.

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

The net OPEB liability and total OPEB liability for OPERS were determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2018, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2019, by incorporating the expected value of health care cost accruals, the actual health care payment, and interest accruals during the year. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the District's share of contributions to the retirement plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share:

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NOTE 8 –DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

	<u>OPERS</u>
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability:	
Prior Measurement Date	0.000535%
Current Measurement Date	-0.000508%
Change in Proportionate Share	0.0010430%
Proportionate Share of the Net	
OPEB Liability	\$70,168
OPEB Expense	\$1,966

There is nothing reported for subsequent contributions as the retirement system did not allocate any portion of the contribution to OPEB contributions. At December 31, 2020, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>OPERS</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$2
Changes of assumptions	11,107
Changes in proportionate share	1,453
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$12,562
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$6,427
actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	3,574
Changes in proportionate share	2,482
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$12,483

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NOTE 8 –DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

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

Fiscal Year Ending December 31:	<u>OPERS</u>
2021	\$1,561
2022	52
2023	1
2024	<u>(1,535)</u>
Total	<u>\$79</u>

Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

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

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan and include the types of coverage provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of costs between OPERS and plan members. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2018, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2019. The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 74:

Wage Inflation	3.25 percent
Projected Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation at 3.25%
Single Discount Rate:	
Current measurement date	3.16 percent
Prior Measurement date	3.96 percent
Investment Rate of Return	6.00 percent
Municipal Bond Rate	2.75 percent
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	10.5 percent, initial 3.50 percent, ultimate in 2030
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age

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NOTE 8 –DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

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

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

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

During 2019, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Health Care portfolio includes the assets for health care expenses for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan eligible members. Within the Health Care portfolio, contributions into the plans are assumed to be received continuously throughout the year based on the actual payroll payable at the time contributions are made, and health care-related payments are assumed to occur mid-year. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Health Care portfolio was 19.7 percent for 2019.

The allocation of investment assets with the Health Care portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of continuing to offer a sustainable health care program for current and future retirees. OPERS' primary goal is to achieve and maintain a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined pension plans. Health care is a discretionary benefit. The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2019 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

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NOTE 8 –DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)
Fixed Income	36.00 %	1.53 %
Domestic Equities	21.00	5.75
Real Estate Investment Trust	6.00	5.69
International Equities	23.00	7.66
Other investments	14.00	4.90
Total	100.00 %	4.55 %

Discount Rate A single discount rate of 3.16 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2019. A single discount rate of 3.96 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2018. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present value using a single discount rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments (to the extent that the health care fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate are not met). This single discount rate was based on an expected rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6 percent and a municipal bond rate of 2.75 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on these assumptions, the health care fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance health care costs through 2034. As a result, the long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through the year 2034, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all health care costs after that date.

Sensitivity of the District’s Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents the District’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the single discount rate of 3.16 percent, as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (2.16 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (4.16 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (2.16%)	Current Discount Rate (3.16%)	1% Increase (4.16%)
	Districts's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$91,826	\$70,168

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NOTE 8 –DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

Sensitivity of the District’s Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate Changes in the health care cost trend rate may also have a significant impact on the net OPEB liability. The following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB liability if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.0 percent lower or 1.0 percent higher than the current rate.

Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost-trend assumption that changes over several years built into the assumption. The near-term rates reflect increases in the current cost of health care; the trend starting in 2020 is 10.5 percent. If this trend continues for future years, the projection indicates that years from now virtually all expenditures will be for health care. A more reasonable alternative is that in the not-too-distant future, the health plan cost trend will decrease to a level at, or near, wage inflation. On this basis, the actuaries project premium rate increases will continue to exceed wage inflation for approximately the next decade, but by less each year, until leveling off at an ultimate rate, assumed to be 3.50 percent in the most recent valuation.

	Cost Trend Rate		
	1% Decrease	Assumption	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$68,097	\$70,168	\$72,212

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NOTE 9 – LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

	Balance December 31, 2019	Issued	Retired	Balance December 31, 2020	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
Refunding Bonds					
1.916% 2019	\$4,147,000	\$0	\$607,000	\$3,540,000	\$639,000
Refunding Bonds					
2%-4% 2016	26,595,000	0	1,605,000	24,990,000	1,670,000
Premium	3,571,150	0	246,286	3,324,864	0
Net Pension Liability					
OPERS	157,481	0	49,560	107,921	0
Net OPEB Liability					
OPERS	69,751	417	0	70,168	0
Governmental Activity					
Long-Term Liabilities	\$34,540,382	\$417	\$2,507,846	\$32,032,953	\$2,309,000

Neither of the outstanding bonds are included in the net investment in capital assets calculation as the projects are no longer reported by District as capital assets.

2016 Refunding Bonds: On August 17, 2016 the District advance refunded the 2007 Special Obligation Bonds with the issuance of \$32,365,000 bonds. The original purpose of the bonds were to finance the construction on a new interchange and related roadway improvements known as the Liberty Interchange. The District had enough cash reserves along with the bond proceeds and premium to deposit \$42,799,784 in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide funds for the future debt service payment on the refunded bonds when called on December 1, 2017. The reacquisition price exceeded the net carrying amount of the old debt by \$1,440,903. This amount is being netted against the new debt and amortized over the remaining life of the refunded debt. The aggregate difference in the debt service between the refunding debt and the refunded debt was \$17,113,379.

The District has pledged all future revenues from the intergovernmental agreements to repay the \$32,365,000 in refunded bonds to finance the Liberty Interchange project. The bonds are paid from tax increment financing revenue received from Liberty Township, Butler County and West Chester Township’s applicable properties located around the project. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds is \$31,872,400 payable through December 2034. For the current year, principal of \$1,605,000 and interest of \$1,051,500 was while total tax increment financing revenue was \$7,014,409.

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DECEMBER 31, 2020

NOTE 9 – LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (Continued)

2019 Refunding Bonds: On November 22, 2019 the District advance refunded the 2009 Special Obligation Bonds with the issuance of \$4,147,000 bonds. The purpose of the new bonds is still the same as the prior issued bonds. The District received a cash deposit along with the bond proceeds to deposit \$4,814,769 in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide funds for the future debt service payment on the refunded bonds when called on December 1, 2017. The reacquisition price exceeded the net carrying amount of the old debt by \$20,127. This amount is being netted against the new debt and amortized over the remaining life of the refunded debt. The aggregate difference in the debt service between the refunding debt and the refunded debt was \$1,357,194.

The District has pledged all future revenues from the intergovernmental agreements to repay the \$4,147,000 in refunded bonds to finance the State Route 4 Bypass project. The bonds are paid from various revenue sources received from Fairfield Township, Butler County and City of Hamilton. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds is \$3,789,884 payable through December 2029. For the current year, principal of \$607,000 and interest of \$76,808 was while total revenue was \$683,808.

The principal and interest requirements for outstanding bonds as of December 31, 2020 are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total	Rate
2021	\$2,309,000	\$1,055,126	\$3,364,126	1.92-4%
2022	2,387,000	976,084	3,363,084	1.92-4%
2023	2,474,000	894,190	3,368,190	1.92-4%
2024	2,562,000	809,172	3,371,172	1.92-4%
2025	2,119,000	720,906	2,839,906	1.92-4%
2026-2030	11,744,000	2,317,406	14,061,406	1.92-4%
2031-2034	4,935,000	359,400	5,294,400	1.92-4%
Totals	<u>\$28,530,000</u>	<u>\$7,132,284</u>	<u>\$35,662,284</u>	

NOTE 10 – CONSTRUCTION COMMITMENTS

The District has several major outstanding contracts for services. The following amounts remain on these contracts as of December 31, 2020.

Project and Contractor	Outstanding Balance
North Hamilton Crossing – Stantec	\$203,307
Millikin Interchange – Burgess and Niple	\$30,250

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DECEMBER 31, 2020

NOTE 11 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; damage to, and theft or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disaster. During 2020, the District contracted with Cincinnati Financial Insurance Co. for liability, property, and crime damage and RSUI Indemnity Company for public officials insurance. Coverage provided by the companies is as follows:

Public Official Errors and Omissions Liability (Per occurrence)	\$1,000,000
Business Auto Coverage Liability Combined	1,000,000
Commercial General Liability	2,000,000
Commercial Property	\$1,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	1,000,000
Valuable Papers	75,000
Crime Insurance:	
Forgery or Alteration	25,000
Employee Dishonesty (Per occurrence)	500,000
Surety Bond (Gregory Wilkens, Secretary/Treasurer)	500,000

The District has had no significant reduction in insurance coverage from prior years. The District has had no settlements exceed insurance coverage for the past three years. Workers' compensation coverage is maintained by paying premiums to the State Bureau of Workers' Compensation. The premium is calculated based upon accident history and administrative costs.

NOTE 12 – CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE

For fiscal year 2020, the District implemented the following Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements that no impact on the beginning net position:

GASB Statement No. 90 "Majority Equity Interests – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61". The Statement is to improve the consistency and comparability of reporting a government's majority equity interest in a legally separate organization and to improve the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units. The implementation did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

NOTE 13 – COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the District. The District's investment portfolio has incurred a significant decline in fair value, consistent with the general decline in financial markets. However, because the values of individual investments fluctuate with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of losses that will be recognized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined. In addition, the impact on the District's future operating costs, revenues, and any recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.



REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SECTION

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues:				
Charges for Services	\$ 26,000	\$ 189,625	\$ 209,486	\$ 19,861
Investment Earnings	100,000	70,000	76,095	6,095
All Other	50,000	74,200	57,298	(16,902)
Total Revenues	<u>176,000</u>	<u>333,825</u>	<u>342,879</u>	<u>9,054</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government				
Personal Services	121,700	191,328	178,737	12,591
Contractual Services	108,800	136,200	127,409	8,791
Materials and Supplies	11,500	10,500	8,863	1,637
Other	453,000	7,500	15,420	(7,920)
Total General Government	<u>695,000</u>	<u>345,528</u>	<u>330,429</u>	<u>15,099</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(519,000)	(11,703)	12,450	24,153
Other Financing (Uses):				
Transfers Out	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>(56,108)</u>	<u>(6,108)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(569,000)	(61,703)	(43,658)	18,045
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	5,017,456	5,017,456	5,017,456	-
Fund Balance End of Year	<u>\$ 4,448,456</u>	<u>\$ 4,955,753</u>	<u>\$ 4,973,798</u>	<u>\$ 18,045</u>
		Budget Basis	\$ (43,658)	
		Revenue Accruals	55,254	
		Expenditure Accruals	<u>2,810</u>	
		GAAP Basis	<u>\$ 14,406</u>	

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

Transportation Improvement District of Butler County, Ohio (the "District")
 Required Supplementary Information
 Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
 Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio
 Last Seven Fiscal Years (1)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
The District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.000546%	0.000575%	0.000590%	0.000642%	0.000621%	0.000511%	0.000511%
The District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 107,921	\$ 157,481	\$ 92,560	\$ 145,787	\$ 107,565	\$ 60,221	\$ 61,613
The District's Covered Payroll	78,129	77,357	78,808	82,817	74,669	69,015	67,969
The District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	138.13%	203.58%	117.45%	176.04%	144.06%	87.26%	90.65%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	82.17%	74.70%	84.66%	77.25%	81.08%	86.45%	86.36%

(1) Information prior to 2014 is not available

Amounts presented as of the District's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

Transportation Improvement District of Butler County, Ohio (the "District")
 Required Supplementary Information
 Schedule of the District's Required Pension Contributions
 Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio
 Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Contractually Required Contributions	\$ 19,995	\$ 10,938	\$ 10,830	\$ 10,245	\$ 9,938	\$ 8,960	\$ 8,972	\$ 8,836	\$ 6,575	\$ 6,589
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(19,995)	(10,938)	(10,830)	(10,245)	(9,938)	(8,960)	(8,972)	(8,836)	(6,575)	(6,589)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
The District Covered Payroll	\$ 142,821	\$ 78,129	\$ 77,357	\$ 78,808	\$ 82,817	\$ 74,669	\$ 69,015	\$ 67,969	\$ 65,750	\$ 73,211
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%	12.00%	12.00%	13.00%	13.00%	10.00%	9.00%

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

Transportation Improvement District of Butler County, Ohio (the "District")
 Required Supplementary Information
 Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability
 Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio
 Last Four Fiscal Years (1)

	2020	2019	2018	2017
The District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.000508%	0.000535%	0.000496%	0.000642%
The District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 70,168	\$ 69,751	\$ 53,825	\$ 64,844
The District's Covered Payroll	78,129	77,357	78,808	82,817
The District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	89.81%	90.17%	68.30%	78.30%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	47.80%	46.33%	54.14%	54.50%

(1) Information prior to 2017 is not available

Amounts presented as of the District's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

Transportation Improvement District of Butler County, Ohio (the "District")
 Required Supplementary Information
 Schedule of the District's Required OPEB Contributions
 Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio
 Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Contractually Required Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 788	\$ 1,656	\$ 1,493	\$ 690	\$ 680	\$ 2,630	\$ 3,661
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	-	-	-	(788)	(1,656)	(1,493)	(690)	(680)	(2,630)	(3,661)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
The District Covered Payroll	\$ 142,821	\$ 78,129	\$ 77,357	\$ 78,808	\$ 82,817	\$ 74,669	\$ 69,015	\$ 67,969	\$ 65,750	\$ 73,211
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.00%	2.00%	2.00%	1.00%	1.00%	4.00%	5.00%

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
DECEMBER 31, 2020

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Budgetary Process

Legally, the Ohio Revised Code does not strictly impose a requirement on the District to follow the budgetary process but the District chose to follow these laws by an act within their entity's by-laws. The major documents prepared are the certificate of estimated resources and the appropriation resolution, both of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting.

The certificate of estimated resources and the appropriation resolution are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources, as certified by resolution of the District Board. All funds are required to be budgeted and appropriated. The level of budgetary control is at the object level for the District. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the District Board. Supplemental appropriations were necessary during the year which increased the original budget amounts.

Under the District's By-laws, revenues not specifically related to a particular fund shall be deposited into the District's General Fund. Monies can only be transferred from the General Fund by resolution of the District Board.

1. **Estimated Resources**

As part of the District's budgetary process, the Board approves the budgetary document. The budgetary document states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to December 31, the District must revise its budget so that the total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing fiscal year will not exceed the amount available as stated in the budgetary document. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriation measure. On or about January 1, the budgetary document is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding year. The budgetary document may be further amended during the year if the Board determines that an estimate needs to be either increased or decreased. The amounts reported on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the first and final budgetary document issued during 2020.

2. **Appropriations**

An annual appropriation resolution must be passed by July 15 of the preceding year for the period January 1 to December 31. The appropriation resolution fixes spending authority at the fund and object level. The appropriation resolution may be amended during the year as new information becomes available, provided that total fund appropriations do not exceed current estimated resources, as certified. The allocation of appropriations among funds and objects within a fund may be modified during the year only by a resolution of the Board. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the appropriations in the first complete appropriated budget, including amounts automatically carried over from prior years. The amounts reported as final budgeted amounts in the schedules of budgetary comparison represent the final appropriation amounts, including all supplemental appropriations.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
DECEMBER 31, 2020

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3. Lapsing of Appropriations

At the close of each fiscal year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriations. The encumbered appropriation balance is carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year and need not be reappropriated.

4. Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The District's budgetary process accounts for certain transactions on a basis other than GAAP. The major differences between the budgetary basis and the GAAP basis lie in the manner in which revenues and expenditures are recorded. Under the budgetary basis, revenues and expenditures are recognized on a cash basis. Utilizing the cash basis, revenues are recorded when received in cash and expenditures are recorded when paid. Under the GAAP basis, revenues and expenditures are recorded on the modified accrual basis of accounting on the governmental fund statements and on the full accrual basis on the government-wide statements.

NOTE 2 – PENSION AND OPEB PLANS

1. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System Changes in Benefit Terms and Assumptions – Net Pension Liability

Changes in benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms for the period 2014-2020.

Changes in assumptions:

2014-2016, 2020: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions.

2017: The following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected total pension liability since the prior measurement date

- Reduction in actuarial assumed rate of return from 8.00% to 7.50%
- Decrease in wage inflation from 3.75% to 3.25%
- Change in future salary increases from a range of 4.25%-10.02% to 3.25%-10.75%

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

2019: The following was the most significant change of assumptions that affected total pension liability since the prior measurement date

- Reduction in actuarial assumed rate of return from 7.50% to 7.20%

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
DECEMBER 31, 2020

NOTE 2 – PENSION AND OPEB PLANS (Continued)

2. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System Changes in Benefit Terms and Assumptions – Net OPEB Liability

Changes in assumptions:

2020: The single discount rate changed from 3.96% to 3.16%. The municipal bond rate was changed from 3.71% to 2.75%. The health care cost trend initial rate was changed from 10% to 10.5%.

2019: OPERS Board adopted a change in the investment return assumption, reducing it from 6.50% to 6.00%. In January 2020, the Board adopted changes to health care coverage for Medicare and pre-Medicare retirees. It will include discontinuing the PPO plan for pre-Medicare retirees and replacing it with a monthly allowance to help participants pay for a health care plan of their choosing. The base allowance for Medicare-eligible retirees will be reduced. The specific effect of these changes on the net OPEB liability and OPEB expense are unknown at this time.

2018: The single discount rate changed from 4.23% to 3.85%.

Changes in benefit terms:

2018-2020: There were no changes in benefit terms for the period.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO
NONMAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

The Capital Projects Funds are used to account for the construction of major capital improvement programs within the jurisdiction of the District.

Muhlhauser Road Fund

To account for the construction of a five-lane road from State Route 747 to West Chester Road. The TID used the cash balance to fund additional right of way and construction expenditures to help reduce the County and Township portion of the widening from State Route 747 to State Route 4 during the year.

Salzman Road Fund – The fund accounts for the TID’s engineering costs associated with the construction of roadwork improvements by relocating the existing Yankee Road from its intersection with Todhunter Road from its current configuration directly south to the northern terminus of existing Salzman Road.

South Gilmore Road Fund – The fund accounts for the *South Gilmore Corridor/I-275 Ramp ‘Y’ Project* (the “Project”) as a joint transportation improvement project with the Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District (“HCTID”), to be undertaken in conjunction and cooperation with the City of Fairfield, Ohio (“Fairfield”), OKI and ODOT, in an effort to develop and enhance the public roadways and transportation system in the Butler and Hamilton Counties

North Hamilton Crossing Fund – The fund accounts for City of Hamilton and District held funds to evaluate the feasibility of an roadway and bridge project included as part of the Butler County Thoroughfare Plan and is identified further therein as the Washington Boulevard Extension Crossing to US 127 (crossing the Great Miami River and further providing a connection from US 127 to SR129 and Bypass 4).

Millikin Interchange Fund – The fund accounts for the Liberty Township and District held funds to evaluate the alternatives to the current Millikin Road I-75 overpass. The Township and District are engaged with an engineering firm to complete an interchange justification study.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

	CAPITAL PROJECTS				Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Salzman Road Relocation	South Gilmore Road	North Hamilton Crossing	Millikin Interchange	
Assets:					
Restricted Assets:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 39,434	\$ -	\$ 610,667	\$ 34,347	\$ 684,448
Liabilities and Fund Balance					
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 164	\$ 164	\$ 328
Contracts Payable	-	-	22,972	3,123	26,095
Interfund Payable	-	6,311	-	-	6,311
Total Liabilities	-	6,311	23,136	3,287	32,734
Fund Balances:					
Restricted for Capital Purposes	39,434	-	337,531	31,060	408,025
Committed for Capital Purposes	-	-	250,000	-	250,000
Unassigned	-	(6,311)	-	-	(6,311)
Total Fund Balances	39,434	(6,311)	587,531	31,060	651,714
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 39,434	\$ -	\$ 610,667	\$ 34,347	\$ 684,448

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	CAPITAL PROJECTS					Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Muhlhauser Road	Salzman Road Relocation	South Gilmore Road	North Hamilton Crossing	Millikin Interchange	
Revenues:						
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87,934	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 187,934
Total Revenues	-	-	87,934	-	100,000	187,934
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General Government	-	-	-	6,824	16,581	23,405
Intergovernmental	3,824	-	-	-	-	3,824
Capital Outlay	-	-	87,934	27,924	102,359	218,217
Total Expenditures	3,824	-	87,934	34,748	118,940	245,446
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	(3,824)	-	-	(34,748)	(18,940)	(57,512)
Other Financing Sources						
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
Deficiency of Revenues and Other						
Change in Fund Balance	(3,824)	-	-	(34,748)	31,060	(7,512)
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	3,824	39,434	(6,311)	622,279	-	659,226
Fund Balance (Deficit) - End of Year	\$ -	\$ 39,434	\$ (6,311)	\$ 587,531	\$ 31,060	\$ 651,714

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
LIBERTY INTERCHANGE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 8,200,000	\$ 7,215,000	\$ 7,214,409	\$ (591)
Investment Earnings	25,000	3,600	3,589	(11)
All Other Revenue	-	-	1,723	1,723
Total Revenues	<u>8,225,000</u>	<u>7,218,600</u>	<u>7,219,721</u>	<u>1,121</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government				-
Capital Outlay	200,000	200,000	200,000	-
Intergovernmental	5,360,487	4,354,087	437,078	3,917,009
Debt Service:				
Principal	1,605,000	1,605,000	1,605,000	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	<u>1,051,500</u>	<u>1,051,500</u>	<u>1,051,500</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>8,216,987</u>	<u>7,210,587</u>	<u>3,293,578</u>	<u>3,917,009</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	8,013	8,013	3,926,143	3,918,130
Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year	<u>(8,013)</u>	<u>(8,013)</u>	<u>(8,013)</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance End of Year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,918,130</u>	<u>\$ 3,918,130</u>

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
STATE ROUTE 4 BYPASS WIDENING
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 658,012	\$ 685,000	\$ 683,808	\$ (1,192)
Investment Earnings		-	21	21
Total Revenues	658,012	685,000	683,829	(1,171)
Expenditures:				
Intergovernmental	-			-
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	360,000	607,000	607,000	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	298,012	78,000	76,808	1,192
Issuance Costs	-			-
Total Expenditures	658,012	685,000	683,808	1,192
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-	21	21
Other Financing Sources:				
Transfers In	6,108	6,108	6,108	-
Excess of Revenues and Other Net Change in Fund Balance	6,108	6,108	6,129	21
Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year	(6,108)	(6,108)	(6,108)	-
Fund Balance End of Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21	\$ 21

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
SOUTH HAMILTON CROSSING
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 536,442	\$ 626,885	\$ 627,025	\$ 140
Investment Earnings	100	815	903	88
All Other Revenue	30,000	15,000	-	(15,000)
Total Revenues	<u>566,542</u>	<u>642,700</u>	<u>627,928</u>	<u>(14,772)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government	500	1,000	651	349
Intergovernmental	377,000	445,060	-	445,060
Capital Outlay	695,902	703,500	587,174	116,326
Total Expenditures	<u>1,073,402</u>	<u>1,149,560</u>	<u>587,825</u>	<u>561,735</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(506,860)	(506,860)	40,103	546,963
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	142,680	142,680	142,680	-
Fund Balance (Deficit) - End of Year	<u>\$ (364,180)</u>	<u>\$ (364,180)</u>	<u>\$ 182,783</u>	<u>\$ 546,963</u>

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	MUHLHAUSER ROAD FUND			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditures:				
Capital Outlay	-	3,824	3,824	-
Total Expenditures	-	3,824	3,824	-
Change in Fund Balance	-	(3,824)	(3,824)	-
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	3,824	3,824	3,824	-
Fund Balance End of Year	<u>\$ 3,824</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

SALZMAN ROAD EXTENSION

	Budgeted Amounts			Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues:				
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditures:				
Total Expenditures	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	39,434	39,434	39,434	-
Fund Balance End of Year	\$ 39,434	\$ 39,434	\$ 39,434	\$ -

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	SOUTH GILMORE ROAD			Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 143,000	\$ 143,000	\$ 87,934	\$ (55,066)
All Other Revenue	6,311	6,311	-	6,311
Total Revenues	<u>149,311</u>	<u>149,311</u>	<u>87,934</u>	<u>(48,755)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Intergovernmental	143,000	143,000	87,934	55,066
Total Expenditures	<u>143,000</u>	<u>143,000</u>	<u>87,934</u>	<u>55,066</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	6,311	6,311	-	(6,311)
Fund Balance - (Deficit) Beginning of Year	(6,311)	(6,311)	(6,311)	-
Fund Balance - (Deficit) End of Year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (6,311)</u>	<u>\$ (6,311)</u>

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	NORTH HAMILTON CROSSING			Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	-	-	-	-
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government	5,000	7,000	6,660	340
Capital Outlay	25,000	25,000	4,952	20,048
Total Expenditures	30,000	32,000	11,612	20,388
Net Change in Fund Balance	(30,000)	(32,000)	(11,612)	20,388
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	622,279	622,279	622,279	-
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 592,279	\$ 590,279	\$ 610,667	\$ 20,388

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	MILLIKIN INTERCHANGE			Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -
Total Revenues	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government	5,000	20,000	16,417	3,583
Capital Outlay	145,000	130,000	99,236	30,764
Total Expenditures	150,000	150,000	115,653	34,347
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	(50,000)	(50,000)	(15,653)	34,347
Other Financing Sources:				
Transfers In	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	34,347	34,347
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,347	\$ 34,347



STATISTICAL
SECTION

**Transportation Improvement District of
Butler County, Ohio
Statistical Section Descriptions
December 31, 2020**

This part of the District's report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosure, and required supplementary information says about the District's overall financial health.

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Operating Information

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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

NET POSITION BY COMPONENT

LAST TEN YEARS (accrual basis of accounting)

	2020	2019	2018	Restated 2017	2016
Governmental Activities:					
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 29,158,418	\$ 30,875,704	\$ 29,991,671	\$ 24,237,484	\$ 13,261,984
Restricted	1,158,931	966,494	1,741,073	2,915,785	1,837,241
Unrestricted	2,554,068	2,694,471	3,074,657	3,931,972	(33,961,063)
Total Governmental Activities Net Position	\$ 32,871,417	\$ 34,536,669	\$ 34,807,401	\$ 31,085,241	\$ (18,861,838)
		Restated 2014	2013	2012	2011
Governmental Activities:					
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 6,220,785	\$ 3,303,882	\$ 2,685,889	\$ 27,234,348	\$ 38,210,364
Restricted	13,819,499	8,833,748	7,134,278	8,502,463	11,790,879
Unrestricted	(44,702,048)	(43,322,590)	(48,701,083)	(41,571,889)	1,857,888
Total Governmental Activities Net Position	\$ (24,661,764)	\$ (31,184,960)	\$ (38,880,916)	\$ (5,835,078)	\$ 51,859,131

Source: District financial records

Note: Fiscal year 2013 saw the District transfer \$32,266,980 of capital assets to other local governments as the projects were completed resulting in a large unrestricted net position deficit as the related debt obligations stayed with the District.

Note: Fiscal year 2012 saw the District transfer \$56,901,877 of capital assets to other local governments as the projects were completed resulting in a large unrestricted net position deficit as the related debt obligations stayed with the District.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

CHANGE IN NET POSITION

LAST TEN YEARS (accrual basis of accounting)

	2020	2019	2018	2017
Expenses:				
Governmental Activities				
General Government	\$ 349,068	\$ 278,185	\$ 235,150	\$ 191,835
Intergovernmental	6,720,519	6,724,205	10,395,724	3,527,798
Interest on Long Term Debt	1,215,245	1,582,842	1,588,079	1,650,698
<i>Total Governmental Activities Expenses</i>	<u>8,284,832</u>	<u>8,585,232</u>	<u>12,218,953</u>	<u>5,370,331</u>
Program Revenues:				
Charges for Services				
General Government	209,736	64,031	61,655	312,590
Operating Grants and Contributions				
General Government	417,668	786,768	4,764,368	11,266,802
Intergovernmental	4,331,987	5,322,130	8,686,043	3,441,524
Interest on Long Term Debt	1,215,245	1,525,611	1,588,079	4,719,942
<i>Total Governmental Activities Program Revenues</i>	<u>6,174,636</u>	<u>7,698,540</u>	<u>15,100,145</u>	<u>19,740,858</u>
Net (Expense)/Revenue	<u>(2,110,196)</u>	<u>(886,692)</u>	<u>2,881,192</u>	<u>14,370,527</u>
General Revenues				
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	121,273	214,707	134,950	21,967
Miscellaneous	323,671	401,253	706,018	553,777
Special Item - Change in Fair Value of Land	-	-	-	-
Special Item - Sale of Land	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Governmental Activities General Revenues</i>	<u>444,944</u>	<u>615,960</u>	<u>840,968</u>	<u>575,744</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ (1,665,252)</u>	<u>\$ (270,732)</u>	<u>\$ 3,722,160</u>	<u>\$ 14,946,271</u>

Source: District financial records.

2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
\$ 309,911	\$ 233,088	\$ 149,716	\$ 496,536	\$ 331,860	\$ 1,827,060
10,046,409	4,677,279	1,880,598	34,271,345	62,967,581	-
2,507,755	2,360,541	2,374,969	2,387,552	2,398,076	2,414,524
12,864,075	7,270,908	4,405,283	37,155,433	65,697,517	4,241,584
387,318	17,521	19,750	20,875	97,180	27,669
7,871,501	4,751,778	1,138,047	201,134	-	6,419,127
4,522,543	5,088,434	4,682,347	-	-	-
2,525,674	2,841,031	3,802,539	3,767,570	8,612,849	6,713,131
15,307,036	12,698,764	9,642,683	3,989,579	8,710,029	13,159,927
2,442,961	5,427,856	5,237,400	(33,165,854)	(56,987,488)	8,918,343
77,057	32,352	16,256	(2,145)	16,684	179,297
418,347	219,909	226,526	122,161	64,642	98,344
2,861,561	-	-	-	-	-
-	843,079	1,924,573	-	-	-
3,356,965	1,095,340	2,167,355	120,016	81,326	277,641
\$ 5,799,926	\$ 6,523,196	\$ 7,404,755	\$ (33,045,838)	\$ (56,906,162)	\$ 9,195,984

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO
FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

LAST TEN YEARS (modified accrual basis of accounting)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
General Fund										
Nonspendable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,420,000	\$ 4,420,000	\$ 1,558,439	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unassigned	5,056,032	5,041,626	5,311,055	1,031,991	2,987,025	3,356,088	4,279,228	2,606,885	3,172,070	3,454,396
Total General Fund	5,056,032	5,041,626	5,311,055	5,451,991	7,407,025	4,914,527	4,279,228	2,606,885	3,172,070	3,454,396
All other governmental funds										
Restricted	908,931	716,494	1,730,937	4,383,327	1,841,390	12,125,910	11,668,263	7,138,427	9,343,008	13,642,716
Committed	250,000	250,000			(1,800,592)	(441,705)	(553,914)	(2,441,015)	(3,314,177)	(3,910,658)
Unassigned	(9,315)	(15,444)	(11,941)	-						
Total All other governmental funds	1,149,616	951,050	1,718,996	4,383,327	40,798	11,684,205	11,114,349	4,697,412	6,028,831	9,732,058
Total Governmental Funds	\$ 6,205,648	\$ 5,992,676	\$ 7,030,051	\$ 9,835,318	\$ 7,447,823	\$ 16,598,732	\$ 15,393,577	\$ 7,304,297	\$ 9,200,901	\$ 13,186,454

Source: District financial records

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

LAST TEN YEARS (modified accrual basis of accounting)

	2020	2019	2018	2017
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$ 8,503,819	\$ 10,443,537	\$ 16,235,543	\$ 19,754,467
Charges for Services	209,736	64,031	61,655	312,590
Investment Earnings	121,273	214,707	134,950	21,967
All Other	73,360	149,477	454,242	302,001
Total Revenues	8,908,188	10,871,752	16,886,390	20,391,025
Expenditures				
Current				
General Government	351,675	256,807	498,005	372,182
Intergovernmental	4,367,269	6,724,205	10,180,583	3,527,719
Capital Outlay	635,964	880,849	5,695,400	10,769,662
Debt Service:				
Principal	2,212,000	2,615,000	1,810,000	1,755,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	1,128,308	1,489,497	1,507,669	1,568,831
Total Expenditures	8,695,216	11,966,358	19,691,657	17,993,394
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	212,972	(1,094,606)	(2,805,267)	2,397,631
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Change in Value of Land Held for Resale	-	-	-	-
Face Value of Debt	-	4,147,000	-	-
Premium from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-
Payment to Escrow Agent for Refunding	-	(4,089,769)	-	-
Proceeds from the Sale of Land	-	-	-	-
Transfers In	56,108	250,000	-	445,069
Transfers Out	(56,108)	(250,000)	-	(445,069)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	57,231	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ 212,972	\$ (1,037,375)	\$ (2,805,267)	\$ 2,397,631
Debt Service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	41%	37%	24%	47%

Source: District financial records

2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
\$ 14,600,701	\$ 12,674,061	\$ 9,640,220	\$ 3,311,026	\$ 8,771,638	\$ 12,685,358
387,318	17,521	19,750	20,875	23,625	27,375
77,057	32,352	16,256	(2,145)	16,684	1,045
289,714	155,267	161,884	759,036	250,540	262,248
15,354,790	12,879,201	9,838,110	4,088,792	9,062,487	12,976,026
310,261	284,803	277,379	485,735	358,578	1,747,494
10,042,901	4,676,215	1,873,537	2,004,365	6,065,704	-
7,035,177	4,817,412	497,391	765,996	4,019,483	7,451,767
1,600,000	780,000	565,000	355,000	220,000	185,000
2,377,288	2,348,875	2,362,500	2,374,300	2,384,275	2,380,244
21,365,627	12,907,305	5,575,807	5,985,396	13,048,040	11,764,505
(6,010,837)	(28,104)	4,262,303	(1,896,604)	(3,985,553)	1,211,521
2,861,561	-	-	-	-	-
32,365,000	-	-	-	-	-
4,433,151	-	-	-	-	-
(42,799,784)	-	-	-	-	-
-	1,233,259	1,924,573	-	-	-
-	-	-	97,598	-	-
-	-	-	(97,598)	-	-
(3,140,072)	1,233,259	1,924,573	-	-	-
\$ (9,150,909)	\$ 1,205,155	\$ 6,186,876	\$ (1,896,604)	\$ (3,985,553)	\$ 1,211,521
28%	37%	59%	52%	29%	58%

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

**REVENUE BOND COVERAGE - LIBERTY INTERCHANGE
SPECIAL OBLIGATION BONDS 2007 SERIES AND 2016 REFUNDING
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Gross Revenue (1)</u>	<u>Debt Service Requirement</u>	<u>Coverage(2)</u>
2011	\$ 6,131,365	\$ 1,983,475	309.12%
2012	3,815,871	1,983,475	192.38%
2013	2,139,307	2,098,475	101.95%
2014	8,213,549	2,263,875	362.81%
2015	7,551,210	2,459,475	307.03%
2016	6,291,896	4,108,346	153.15%
2017	7,826,019	2,655,900	294.67%
2018	10,814,460	2,657,700	406.91%
2019	7,840,153	2,658,300	294.93%
2020	7,014,409	2,656,500	264.05%
Total	<u>\$ 67,638,239</u>	<u>\$ 25,525,521</u>	<u>264.98%</u>

Source: District's records

(1) The District receives intergovernmental revenue from Liberty Township, Butler County and West Chester Township for payment of debt service.

(2) Full receipt of gross revenues from entities was required with the amount exceeding the annual debt service returned to Liberty Township and Butler County annually in December based on the proportionate share they each contributed during the year.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

**REVENUE BOND COVERAGE - STATE ROUTE 4 BYPASS
SPECIAL OBLIGATION BONDS 2009 SERIES AND 2019 REFUNDING
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Gross Revenue (1)</u>	<u>Debt Service Requirement (2)</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
2011	\$ 581,766	\$ 584,769	99.49%
2012	613,292	613,050	100.04%
2013	383,679	628,075	61.09%
2014	288,624	661,625	43.62%
2015	371,073	656,076	56.56%
2016	437,305	660,032	66.26%
2017	661,646	664,931	99.51%
2018	656,715	659,969	99.51%
2019	1,385,057	1,385,694	99.95%
2020	683,808	683,808	100.00%
Total	<u>\$ 6,062,965</u>	<u>\$ 7,198,029</u>	<u>84.23%</u>

Source: District's records

- (1) The District will receive intergovernmental revenue from Fairfield Township, Butler County and the City of Hamilton for payment of debt service.
- (2) The 2011-2019 debt service was offset with an IRS tax credit which repaid in proportion to the respective debt service amounts under (1). Revenues for 2013-2015 are under the debt service requirement as the District used the escrow refunds to pay down the debt service. The remaining construction fund balance was used to pay down principal only in 2016 as well. In 2019, the District refunded the bonds with an additional \$725,000 contribution from Butler County to pay down their respective share of the total outstanding obligation.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

**RATIO OF SPECIAL OBLIGATION BONDS PER CAPITA
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

Fiscal Year	Series 2007		2016 Refunding		Special Obligation Bonds		2019 Refunding		All Outstanding Debt of District	Butler County Per Capita (1)	Net Debt Per Capita	Net Debt per Personal Income
	Liberty Interchange	Liberty Interchange	Liberty Interchange	State Route 4 Bypass	Series 2009	State Route 4 Bypass	State Route 4 Bypass	State Route 4 Bypass				
2011	42,490,489	-	-	7,188,816	-	-	-	49,679,305	369,999	134.27	0.35%	
2012	42,431,337	-	-	6,963,326	-	-	-	49,394,663	370,589	133.29	0.33%	
2013	42,257,185	-	-	6,717,836	-	-	-	48,975,021	371,511	131.83	0.34%	
2014	41,913,033	-	-	6,432,346	-	-	-	48,345,379	374,158	129.21	0.32%	
2015	41,358,881	-	-	6,141,856	-	-	-	47,500,737	376,353	126.21	0.30%	
2016	-	35,375,008	-	5,836,366	-	-	-	41,211,374	377,537	109.16	0.26%	
2017	-	33,688,722	-	5,515,876	-	-	-	39,204,598	380,604	103.01	0.24%	
2018	-	31,957,436	-	5,185,386	-	-	-	37,142,822	382,378	97.14	0.22%	
2019	-	30,166,150	-	-	-	-	4,147,000	30,166,150	382,378	78.89	0.18%	
2020	-	28,314,864	-	-	-	-	3,540,000	28,314,864	382,378	74.05	0.16%	

Source: District records

(1) The information comes from the Butler County 2019 CAFR. The information wasn't available for 2020. The Butler County information is provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis. 2011-2019 populations are midyear population estimates.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT DISTRICT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION

LAST TEN YEARS

<u>Year</u>	<u>General Government Employees</u>
2020**	1.5
2019*	1
2018*	1
2017*	1
2016*	1
2015*	1
2014*	1
2013*	1
2012*	1
2011*	1

Note: District's financial records

* The District has two employees that work part time.

** The District has one employee who works part time.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS

CURRENT AND NINE YEARS AGO

Name of Employer	2019			2010		
	Number of Employees	Rank	% of Total Employment	Number of Employees	Rank	% of Total Employment
Miami University	4,250	1	3.10%	3,400	1	2.00%
Cincinnati Financial Corp. (Cincinnati Insurance)	3,234	2	2.36%	2,900	2	1.70%
GE Aviation	2,500	3	1.83%	1,675	6	0.98%
AK Steel	2,421	4	1.77%	2,400	3	1.41%
Butler County Government	2,044	5	1.49%	2,000	4	1.18%
Lakota School District	1,827	6	1.33%	1,688	5	0.99%
Mercy Regional Hospital	1,400	7	1.02%	1,200	7	0.71%
Liberty Mutual (Ohio Casualty Insurance)	1,400	8	1.02%			
Koch Foods	1,200	9	0.88%			
UC Health West Chester Hospital	1,045	10	0.76%			
Hamilton City School District			0.00%	1,114	8	0.65%
Fort Hamilton Hospital			0.00%	1,036	9	0.61%
Fairfield City Schools				994	10	0.58%
Total	21,321		15.57%	18,407		10.82%
Total Employed within the County	136,943			170,100		

Source: 2019 Butler County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and presented as they have presented.

Note: The employment information was not available for 2020 according to the Auditor's office.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

**TOP TEN TAX PAYERS
REAL PROPERTY**

CURRENT AND NINE YEARS AGO

Name of Taxpayer	2019			2010		
	Assessed Valuation	Rank	% of Total Assessed Valuation	Assessed Valuation	Rank	% of Total Assessed Valuation
LIT Industrial LTD Partnership	\$ 35,735,000	1	0.46%			
Duke Realty Ohio	21,022,670	2	0.27%	\$ 21,222,580	2	0.28%
Bethesda Hospital INC	13,470,320	3	0.17%			
Boymel Sam TR	12,011,410	4	0.16%	12,535,510	8	0.17%
MillerCoors LLC	11,506,810	6	0.15%	16,687,310	3	0.22%
AK Steel Corporation	10,468,350	5	0.14%	13,722,860	4	0.18%
First Industrial L P	10,067,860	7	0.13%	12,780,390	6	0.17%
Lesaint Venture LLC	9,785,930	8	0.13%			
Yosef Realty Capital Center	9,040,510	9	0.12%			
Meijer Stores LTD PRT	8,844,620	10	0.11%	13,217,610	5	0.17%
West Chester Medical Center LLC				31,054,470	1	0.41%
US Industrial REIT III Midwest				12,775,000	7	0.17%
Dugan Financing LLC				11,063,600	9	0.15%
DCT Port Union LLC				10,956,720	10	0.14%
Total	\$ 141,953,480		1.83%	\$ 156,016,050		2.06%
Total Assessed Valuation	\$ 7,747,136,030			\$ 7,563,640,350		

Source: Butler County Auditor's Office
Fiscal year 2020 information is not available

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

LAST TEN YEARS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population (1)</u>	<u>Total Personal Income (1)</u>	<u>Per Capita Personal Income (1)</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate (2)</u>
2011	369,999	\$ 14,358,551,193	\$ 38,807	8.6%
2012	370,589	14,945,483,781	40,329	7.1%
2013	371,511	14,254,245,896	38,368	6.9%
2014	374,158	14,993,633,534	40,073	5.4%
2015	376,353	15,631,445,502	41,534	4.6%
2016	377,537	16,090,626,940	42,620	4.4%
2017	380,604	16,221,342,480	42,620	4.4%
2018	382,378	17,168,772,200	44,900	4.1%
2019	382,378	17,168,772,200	44,900	3.4%
2020	382,378	18,127,599,000	47,408	4.3%

Source: (1) The information is provided from the Butler County, Ohio annual report for years 2011 to 2019. The Bureau of Economic Analysis provides information on personal income for Ohio as a whole. The total personal income amount wasn't available for 2020.

(2) Unemployment figures are derived from Ohio Labor Market Information. These numbers are prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, are determined by place of residence, and are not seasonally adjusted. (Butler County Rates)

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

DECEMBER 31, 2020

Date of Creation:	1993
	The first Transportation Improvement District in Ohio.
County:	Butler
County Seat:	City of Hamilton, Ohio
Number of Political Subdivisions within the District:	6 Butler County City of Hamilton City of Fairfield Fairfield Township West Chester Township Liberty Township
Number of Interstate Highways inside the District:	2 (Interstate 75) (State Route 129)

Source: Transportation Improvement District

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BUTLER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BUTLER COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



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