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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT





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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Authority Members and Representatives Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Authority Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

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Mr. Doug A. Ringler, CPA, CIA **Auditor General** State of Michigan Lansing, Michigan

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Authority as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

To the Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Authority Members and Representatives

and

Mr. Doug A. Ringler, CPA, CIA Auditor General

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Authority, as of December 31, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in conformity 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, analysis and budgetary comparison schedule, and State Employee's Retirement System on pages 4 through 13, pages 39 through 42, and page 43 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 inquires of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquires, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Authority's financial statements. The unaudited supplemental information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statement.

The unaudited supplemental information has 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 it.

To the Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Authority Members and Representatives

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Mr. Doug A. Ringler, CPA, CIA Auditor General

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 17, 2018 on our consideration of the Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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 Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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May 11, 2018



MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS



Year Ended December 31, 2017

This section of the Authority's financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Authority's financial performance during the year ended December 31, 2017. Please read it in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements, which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Authority (SSMBA) is the international contractual entity created by the Intergovernmental Agreement to set policy and oversee bridge operations. The SSMBA Agreement became effective September 1, 2009.

TRAFFIC

- Total bridge traffic finished over 1.4 million crossings in 2017, to end with the year with 1,412,808 crossings on December 31, 2017. This is a decrease of 16,581 crossings, or 1.2% in traffic, as compared to the year ending December 31, 2016. This is 324,529 crossings, or 18.7%, below expected traffic volumes for 2017.
- In comparison to total traffic, commercial traffic increased by 1,485 crossings in 2017, an increase of 1.7%. This is 2.3% above the expected commercial traffic for the year. Commuter crossings utilizing the IQ Prox Card decreased by 3.2% for 2017. Total commuter crossings for 2017 were 704,515. Full fare passenger auto crossings decreased 0.7% to 565,723 crossings on December 31, 2017.
- More than 99.8 million vehicles have crossed the International Bridge since it opened in 1962.

REVENUE & TOLL RATES

- Revaluations of Canadian currency net position on the Authority's year end balance sheet resulted in an unrealized exchange gain of \$120,639.
- The American toll rates are the established benchmark for all bridge tolls. Toll currency adjustments to the Canadian rates occur on April 1 and October 1 when fluctuations occur in the Canadian dollar. The equity between the American and Canadian exchange rates required one equity rate adjustment in 2017.

• Toll revenues were \$6,622,048, an increase of 0.2% for the year ending December 31, 2017, as compared the year ended December 31, 2016. This was an increase of \$13,320. A slight increase in commercial traffic contributed to the increase in toll revenue as compared to 2016.

EXPENDITURES

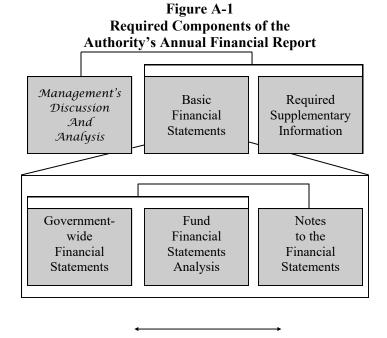
- Actual operational expenditures in the Revenue Fund were \$7.9 million, \$701,528 or 8.2% under the final budget.
- Toll department was 11.5% under approved budgetary amounts. Maintenance costs were 10.1% under approved budgetary amounts. Administration expenditures were 3.1% under final budget amounts. Other expenditures were 5.9% under final budget amounts.
- Capital Assets increased by 12.5% to \$21 million due to the Canadian Arch paint project.
- Bridge maintenance expenditures in the Capital Fund included the painting of the Canadian arch, replacing the rocker links and bearings on both the US and Canadian side, planned annual equipment capital outlay, and annual bridge inspection expenditures.
- The engineering inspections of the bridge in 2017 indicated the overall condition of the bridge is good and the structure is well maintained.

Year Ended December 31, 2017

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts - management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Authority.

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the Authority's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Authority's government, reporting the Authority's operations in more detail than the governmentwide statements.
 - The governmental funds statements tell how general government services like toll collection were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.



The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. Figure A-1 shows how the required parts of this annual report are arranged and relate to one another. In addition to these required elements, we have included a section with statements that provide details about our governmental funds each of which are added together and presented in single columns in the basic financial statements. Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the Authority's financial statements. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis explains the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Summary Detail

Year Ended December 31, 2017

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Figure A-2 Major Features of Authority's Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements						
	Fund Statements					
	Government-wide Statements	Governmental Funds				
Scope	Entire Authority government (except fiduciary funds) and the Authority's component units	The activities of the Authority that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as toll collection, bridge maintenance, and ad- ministration				
Required financial	Statement of net positionStatement of activities	 Balance sheet Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance 				
Accounting basis and Measurements focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus				
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included				
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received dur- ing or soon after the end of the year; ex- penditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter				

Government-wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the Authority as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the Authority's net position and how they have changed. Net position – the difference between the Authority's assets and liabilities – is one way to measure the Authority's financial health, or position.

Over time, increases or decreases in the Authority's net position are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

To assess the overall health of the Authority you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the bridge traffic and the condition of the International Bridge.

The government-wide financial statements of the Authority are:

 Governmental activities – Most of the Authority's basic services are included here, such as toll collection, bridge maintenance and general administration. Toll collection, lease and rental revenues finance most of these activities.

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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Authority's most significant funds-not the Authority as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the Authority uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

- Some funds are required by State law and by bond covenants.
- The Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Authority Board establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes (like the Capital Fund).
- Governmental funds All of the Authority's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how much cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Authority's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional longterm focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statement, or on the subsequent page, that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.

Year Ended December 31, 2017

Total

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE AUTHORITY AS A WHOLE

Net position. The Authority's combined assets decreased to \$25.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2017. (See Table A-1.)

Table A-1 Authority's Net Position (in thousands of dollars)

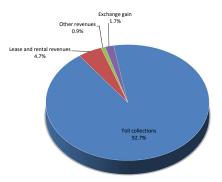
				Percentage						
	Governme	ntal A	ctivities	Change						
	2016		2017	2016-2017						
Current assets	\$ 8,170.0	\$	5,053.1	(38.1)%						
Capital assets	18,559.8		20,871.7	12.5%						
Total assets	26,729.8		25,924.8	(3.0)%						
Deferred outflows	534.8		579.7	8.4%						
Current liabilities	4,573.8		3,427.2	(25.1)%						
Long-term liabilities	220.6		220.6		220.6		220.6		243.2	10.2%
Net pension liability	3,832.0		3,832.0		3,543.8	(7.5)%				
Total liabilities	8,626.4		7,214.2	(16.4)%						
Deferred inflows	-		-		- 21		21	100%		
Net position										
Net investment in capital assets	18,559.8		20,871.7	12.5%						
Restricted	2,831.7		1,528.6	(46.0)%						
Unrestricted	(2,753.3)		(3,130.4)	(13.7)%						
Total net position	18,638.2		19,269.8	3.4%						

Net position of the Authority's governmental activities increased 3.4 percent to \$19.3 million. Restricted assets are \$1.5 million and \$20.9 million are invested in capital assets (buildings, bridge, and so on). Unrestricted is \$(3.1) million due to the change in accounting principle and restatement for net pension liability in 2015.

Changes in net position. The Authority's total revenues decreased to \$7.0 million. (See Table A-2.) A majority of the Authority's revenue (92.7%) comes from toll collections. Interest, lease and rental revenues accounted for 7.3% of the Authority's revenue (See Figure A-3).

The total cost of all primary activities decreased 15.8 percent for the year of activity. The Authority's expenses cover toll collection, bridge maintenance, administration and other expenses. (See Figure A-4.)

Figure A-3 Authority Revenue for the Year Ended December 31, 2017



Year Ended December 31, 2017

Governmental Activities

Revenues for the Authority's governmental activities decreased 1.0%, while total expenses decreased 15.8% for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Table A-2 Changes in Authority's Net Position (in thousands of dollars)

					Total
					Percentage
	G	overnment	al Ac	tivities	Change
		2016		2017	2016-2017
Revenues					
Charges for services	\$	7,091.5	\$	7,019.4	(1.0)%
Total Revenues		7,091.5		7,019.4	(1.0)%
Expenses					
Toll collections		1,763.4		1,598.2	(9.4)%
Bridge maintenance	4,863.2 3,775.1				(22.4)%
Administration		431.1		488.7	13.4%
Other expense		708.0		674.4	(4.8)%
Total Expenses		7,765.7		6,536.4	(15.8)%
Excess (deficiency)		(674.2)		483.0	<u>171.6%</u>
General revenue:					
Exchange gain (loss)		432.2		120.6	(72.1)%
Interest revenue	-	82.6		1.2	(98.6)%
Change in net position		(159.4)		604.8	479.4%
Beginning net position	_\$	18,797.6	_\$_	18,638.2	(0.8)%
Prior Period Adjustment		-		26.8	100%
Ending net position	\$	18,638.2	\$	19,269.8	3.4%

Year Ended December 31, 2017

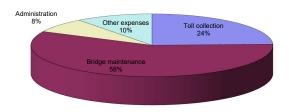
FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE AUTHORITY'S FUNDS

As the Authority completed the year ended December 31, 2017 its governmental funds reported an decrease in combined fund balance from \$3.60 to \$1.63 million, a combined fund balance decrease of 54.8%. The primary reason for the decrease in fund balance is highlighted in the financial analysis of the Authority.

Functional Revenues are comprised of toll collections, leases, and rental revenues. These revenues are then allocated proportionally by bridge maintenance and toll collection expenses.

Table A-3 and the narrative that follows consider the operations of governmental-type activities.

Figure A-4 Authority Functional Expenses for the Year Ended December 31, 2017



Total

Table A-3
Changes in Authority's Fund Balance
(in thousands of dollars)

					10141
					Percentage
	(Governme	ntal	Funds	Change
	2	016		2017	2016-2017
Revenues					
Toll collections	\$	6,608.7	\$	6,622.0	0.2%
Lease and rental revenues		365.9		336.1	(8.1)%
Interest revenues		82.6		1.2	(98.6)%
Other revenues		116.9		61.2	(47.6)%
Exchange gain (loss)		432.2		120.6	(72.1)%
Total Revenues	7,606.3		7,606.3 7,141.2		(6.1)%
Expenditures					
Toll collections		1,789.5		1,647.5	(7.9)%
Bridge maintenance		3,601.1		6,302.4	75.0%
Administration		464.9		490.0	5.4%
Other expenditures		718.4		698.4	(2.8)%
Total Expenditures		6,573.9		9,138.3	39.1%
Increase (decrease) in					
fund balance	\$	1,032.4	\$	(1,997.0)	(293.4)%

Year Ended December 31, 2017

Governmental Fund Revenues and Expenditures

Revenues for the bridge decreased by 6% and expenditures for the Authority's governmental funds increased by 39%. The completion of the planned painting project and the exchange adjustments resulted in an overall decrease in the change in fund balance of 293%.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Over the course of the year, the Authority made one change to the original capital budget. The Canadian arch paint project was originally budgeted as a two year project, however the contractor was able to complete the project in one season. Due to the change in schedule the budget for the paint project was reallocated from 2018 to 2017. Budgets were approved for the year ending December 31, 2017.

REVENUE FUND

- Revenue fund, after budget amendments, resulted in actual revenues of \$7,131,988 which is \$485,903 or 7.31% more than the final approved budget, including inter-fund transfers.
- Toll revenues in the revenue fund were \$6.6 million and \$511,304, or 8.4% above the budget year toll revenue.
- Toll collection expenditures of \$1,647,508 at year end were \$214,776, or 11.5% below approved budgetary amounts.
- Maintenance costs of \$2,238,843 were \$250,836, or 10.1% below approved budgetary amounts.
- Administration expenditures of \$489,541 were \$15,877 or 3.1% below final budget amounts.

• Other expenditures of \$3,504,096 were \$220,039, or 5.9% under below approved budgetary amounts, including inter-fund transfers.

CAPITAL FUNDS

• Capital fund, after budget amendments, resulted in expenditures of \$5,053,046, which was \$776,939 or 18.2% above the final approved budget for the year ending December 31, 2017.

The detailed budgetary comparison schedules for the revenue and capital fund are found in the required supplementary information on page 39-42.

LONG-TERM DEBT

At year-end, the Authority had \$243,209 in outstanding long-term liabilities – an increase of 10.2 % percent over the year ending December 31, 2016. More detailed information about the Authority's long-term liabilities is presented in compensated absences, Note H in the notes to financial statements.

Year Ended December 31, 2017

CAPITAL ASSETS

At the year ending December 31, 2017, the Authority had invested \$20.9 million in a broad range of capital assets, including land, machinery and equipment, buildings, bridge, vehicles, and bridge security enhancements. (See Table A-4.) This amount presents a net increase (including additions, deductions, and accumulated depreciation) of \$2,311,928 or 12.5%, for the year ended December 31, 2017. More detailed information about the Authority's capital assets is presented in Note D to the financial statements.

Table A-4
Authority's Capital Assets
(net of depreciation, in thousands of dollars)

			Total
		Percentage	
	Government	al Activities	Change
	2016	2017	2016-2017
Bridge	4,200.1	7,305.0	73.9
Bridge lights	33.9 31.5		(7.1)%
Buildings	10,353.3	9,848.9	(4.9)%
Machinery and equipment	609.8	476.4	(21.9)%
Land	1,965.5 1,965.5		-
Land improvements	-	-	-
Office equipment	952.0 929.0		(2.4)%
Vehicles	115.6 83.6		(27.7)%
Security system	329.4	(29.7)%	
Totals	\$ 18,559.8	\$ 20,871.7	12.5%

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario had a population of 73,368 in 2017, as compared to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan with a population of 14,144 (based upon 2010 census data). The disproportionate population in the Sault Ste. Marie communities contribute more than two times more Canadian bridge traffic as compared to U.S. traffic, as can be viewed in the supplemental information provided on page 46. Combined with strengthening of the buying power of the Canadian dollar in the United States for most of 2017, Canadian consumers continue to impact the earned toll revenue, as recorded by the Authority. The changes in Canadian dollar valuation also impact the equity of Canadian held funds.

Fluctuations in commercial traffic also result in significant changes to toll revenue, as commercial traffic represents, on average, 6.2% of total bridge traffic, but provides 36.8% of bridge toll revenue. These indicators were taken into account when adopting budgetary amendments in the Revenue (General) fund budget for 2017.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Year Ended December 31, 2017

CONTACTING THE AUTHORITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, bridge users, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the Authority's finances and to demonstrate the Authority's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the International Bridge Administration Office, 934 Bridge Plaza, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. 49783, or International Bridge Administration, 121 Huron St., Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 1R3.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

	ary Government nmental Activities 2017
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 906,741
Investments	2,009,404
Receivables (net)	68,343
Due from other funds	1,722,272
Prepaid expense	280,653
Inventory	 65,739
Total current assets	 5,053,152
Non-current assets:	
Capital assets (Note D):	
International bridge (net)	7,305,038
Bridge lights (net)	31,465
Buildings (net)	9,848,913
Machinery and equipment (net)	476,420
Land	1,965,530
Office equipment (net)	929,045
Vehicles (net)	83,557
Security system (net)	 231,710
Total non-current assets	 20,871,678
Total assets	\$ 25,924,830
Deferred Outflows of Resources - Deferred outflows	
related to pensions (Note L)	\$ 579,719
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 26,504,549

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

	Primary Government Governmental Activities 2017			
LIABILITIES		2011		
Current liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	\$	375,706		
Accrued payroll and related liabilities		1,002,345		
Due to other funds		1,722,272		
Unearned revenue		326,894		
Total current liabilities		3,427,217		
Non-current liabilities:				
Accrued compensated absences		243,209		
Net Pension Liability	3,543,79			
Total non-current liabilities		3,787,005		
Total liabilities		7,214,222		
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Deferred inflows related to pensions (Note L)		20,521		
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets		20,871,678		
Restricted for:				
Restricted		1,528,603		
Unrestricted		(3,130,475)		
Total net position		19,269,806		
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position	\$	26,504,549		

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	Primary Government Governmental Activities			
EXPENSES		2017		
LAI LINGLO				
Toll collection	\$	1,598,213		
Bridge maintenance		3,775,093		
Administration		488,671		
Other expenses	-	674,402		
Total operating expenses		6,536,379		
REVENUES				
Charges for services:				
Toll collection	\$	2,087,823		
Bridge maintenance		4,931,587		
Total charges for services		7,019,410		
Income from operations		483,031		
General revenues and other changes in net position:				
Interest revenues		1,182		
Exchange gain (loss)		120,639		
Total general revenues and other changes				
in net position		121,821		
Change in net position		604,852		
Net position - beginning		18,638,151		
Prior Period Adjustment		26,803		
Net position - ending	\$	19,269,806		

BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

ASSETS	 Revenue Fund	 Capital Fund	M	DOT Capital Fund	FB	CL Capital Fund		Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 825,343	\$ 81,398	\$	-	\$	-	\$	906,741
Investments	2,008,129	1,275		-		-		2,009,404
Receivables (net)	66,674	1,669		-		-		68,343
Due from other funds	-	289,884		1,427,966		4,422		1,722,272
Prepaid expense	255,959	24,694		-		-		280,653
Inventory	 31,331	 34,408						65,739
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,187,436	\$ 433,328	\$	1,427,966	\$	4,422	\$	5,053,152
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
LIABILITIES								
Accounts payable	\$ 97,695	\$ 278,011	\$	_	\$	_	\$	375,706
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	1,002,345	-		_		-		1,002,345
Due to other funds	1,722,272	-		_		_		1,722,272
Unearned revenue	 326,894	-					-	326,894
TOTAL LIABILITIES	 3,149,206	278,011		<u>-</u>		-		3,427,217
FUND BALANCES								
Nonspendable	287,290	59,102		_		_		346,392
Restricted	-	96,215		1,427,966		4,422		1,528,603
Unassigned	 (249,060)	 						(249,060)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	 38,230	 155,317		1,427,966		4,422		1,625,935
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 3,187,436	\$ 433,328	\$	1,427,966	\$	4,422	\$	5,053,152

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

For the Year Ending December 31, 2017

Total fund balances - governmental funds

\$ 1,625,935

Amount reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. These assets consist of:

Land	\$ 1,965,530
Infrastructure assets - bridge	\$ 26,374,965
Other capital assets (net)	\$ 17,230,882
Accumulated depreciation	(24,699,699)

Total capital assets \$ 20,871,678

Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. Those liabilities consist of:

Compensated absences	(243,209)
Deferred Inflows	(20,521)
Deferred Outflows	579,719
Net Pension Liability	(3,543,796)

Total long-term liabilities (3,227,807)

Net assets of governmental activities \$ 19,269,806

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

	Revenue Fund		Capital Fund		MDOT Capital Fund		FBCL Capital Fund		Total	
REVENUES:										
Toll collections	\$	6,622,048	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	6,622,048
Lease and rental revenues		336,129		-		-		-		336,129
Interest revenues		1,067		115		-		-		1,182
Other revenues		61,233		-		-		-		61,233
Exchange gain		111,511		9,128						120,639
Total Revenues		7,131,988		9,243						7,141,231
EXPENDITURES:										
Current operations										
Toll collection		1,647,508		-		-		-		1,647,508
Bridge maintenance		2,238,843		4,063,539		-		-		6,302,382
Administration		489,541		468		-		-		490,009
Other expenditures		557,638		140,719						698,357
Total Expenditures		4,933,530		4,204,726		<u>-</u>		-		9,138,256
Excess (deficiency) of revenues										
over expenditures		2,198,458		(4,195,483)						(1,997,025)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)										
Transfers in		1,048,320		4,194,778		-		-		5,243,098
Transfers out		(3,994,778)		(848,320)		(200,000)		(200,000)		(5,243,098)
Total other financing sources (uses)		(2,946,458)		3,346,458		(200,000)		(200,000)		-
Net change in fund balances		(748,000)		(849,025)		(200,000)		(200,000)		(1,997,025)
Fund Balance-Beginning		759,427		1,004,342		1,627,966		204,422		3,596,157
Prior Period Adjustment		26,803		-		-		-		26,803
Fund Balance-Ending	\$	38,230	\$	155,317	\$	1,427,966	\$	4,422	\$	1,625,935

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ending December 31, 2017

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds

\$ (1,997,025)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives, as depreciation expense.

Depreciation and loss on disposal Capital Outlay \$ (1,490,405) 3,960,119

This is the amount by which depreciation expense exceeds capital outlays in the period.

2,469,714

Governmental funds report pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense.

154,757

In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses, compensated absences (sick pay and vacations) are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts actually paid). This year the net of the sick and vacation earned and used which must be added from the net fund balance of the governmental funds.

(22,594)

Change in net assets of governmental activities

\$ 604,852



NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 2017

NOTE A SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Authority, Michigan (the "Authority") conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

In June 1999, the GASB issued Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. Certain significant changes in the Statement include the following:

- A Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the Authority's overall financial position and results of operations.
- Financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the Authority's activities, including infrastructure (roads, bridges, etc.).
- A change in the fund financial statements to focus on the major funds.

1. Reporting Entity

An agency and instrumentality of the State of Michigan created in 1935 by Section 2, Act No. 237, P.A. of 1935 (Section 254, 202, Compiled Laws of 1948). By virtue of Act No. 99, P.A. 1954, as amended, the Authority is empowered to construct, maintain and operate a bridge project from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to the Province of Ontario, Canada, to acquire necessary real and personal property, to exercise power of condemnation, to issue revenue bonds, payable solely from tolls and other revenues, and to charge and collect tolls and other charges for use of such projects. Congressional authority is provided by an Act of Congress as reenacted and approved September 21, 1959. Canadian authorization derives from an assignment and agreement dated January 15, 1960 between the Authority and St. Mary's River Bridge Co., a Canadian corporation, whereby the Authority succeeded to all the rights, powers, etc. of the corporation.

The International Bridge Authority tendered the last payment on its 1960 Series B 6% Secondary Pledge Revenue Bonds on September 1, 2000. Previous agreements and legislation mandated that upon this last payment ownership of the respective sides of the

International Bridge would revert to the Michigan Department of Transportation ("MDOT") and the Federal Bridge Corporation Ltd. ("FBCL"). As a result, the International Bridge Authority ceased to exist as an entity on September 1, 2000. To effectuate a seamless transition in bridge operation and maintenance, these parties entered into an intergovernmental agreement that created the Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Authority ("SSMBA") and International Bridge Administration ("IBA") and established the powers and responsibilities of each. The agreement was authorized by Michigan legislation passed in May 2000 that amends original legislation passed by Michigan Public Act 99 of 1954.

The SSMBA is the international contractual entity created by the agreement to set policy and oversee bridge operations. It has eight members, four from Michigan (appointed by the Governor) and four from Canada. The IBA is an administrative entity within the MDOT created to carry out the policy decisions of the SSMBA, and, under the direction and supervision of the MDOT, to enter into contracts and manage and operate the bridge on a daily basis.

The Agreement became effective September 1, 2009 and renewed on September 30, 2017, and is automatically renewed for successive ten-year periods thereafter unless, one (1) year prior to the renewal date, an Owner gives written notice to the other Owner that it elects not to renew the Agreement. The Agreement is subject to written notice of cancellation upon one (1) year written notice by MDOT or the FBCL.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 2017

NOTE A SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2. <u>Basis of Presentation – Government-Wide Financial Statements</u>

The statement of net position and the statement of activities are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from non-exchange are recognized in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 33.

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Authority as a whole. The statements include all funds of the primary government.

The statement of net position and the statement of activities are presented to distinguish between governmental and business type activities of the Authority. Governmental activities are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues. These activities are reported in governmental funds. Business type activities are financed by fees charged to external parties for goods or services. The Authority does not have business type activities.

Capital assets are reported in the government-wide statements at historical cost. Capital assets include land, improvements to land, buildings, building improvements, vehicles, machinery and equipment, infrastructure and all other tangible or intangible assets that are used in operations and have initial useful lives beyond a single reporting period. Infrastructure assets are long-lived capital assets that normally can be preserved for a significantly greater number of years than most capital assets.

Capital assets that are depreciated are reported net of accumulated depreciation in the statement of net position. Capital assets that are not depreciated, such as land, are reported separately.

Capital assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Depreciation expense is reported in the statement of activities by allocating the net cost over the estimated useful life of the asset. Assets are depreciated on an individual basis for equipment and buildings.

The government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the Authority as an entity and the change in the Authority's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

3. <u>Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements</u>

The financial transactions of the Authority are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that is comprised of its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The following fund types are used by the Authority:

Governmental Funds

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the major governmental funds of the Authority;

The Revenue fund is the general operating fund of the Authority. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Capital Projects Fund (Capital Fund) is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by business-type/proprietary funds).

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NOTE A SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The MDOT and FBCL Capital Funds are used to account for the equity for the "Owner's Reserve Account", as defined by the Intergovernmental Agreement Article IV, section 9.

The emphasis in fund financial statements is on the major funds in either the governmental or business-type activities categories. Non major funds by category are summarized into a single column. GASB 34 sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, equity, revenues or expenditures/expenses of either fund category of the governmental and enterprise combined) for the determination of major funds. The Authority selected the Revenue, Capital, and MDOT Capital Fund and FBCL Capital Fund as Major Funds.

4. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Accrual

The governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Restricted and Unrestricted Resources

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Authority's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as needed.

Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received. Capital assets are defined by the Authority as assets with an initial cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets.

Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straightline basis over the estimated useful lives as follows:

60 years
20 years
5-25 years
20-60 years
5-20 years
20 years

Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources and Net Position/Fund Balance

Deferred Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. There were deferred outflows related to pensions in the amount of \$579,719.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. There were deferred inflows related to pensions in the amount of \$20,521.

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NOTE A SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Compensated Absences

The Authority accrues vested or accumulated sick and vacation leave when earned by the employee. The non-current portion (that is the amount not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources) for governmental funds is maintained separately and represents a reconciling item between fund and government-wide presentations.

Modified Accrual

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt is recognized when due.

The Authority reports deferred inflows of resources on its governmental funds balance sheet. A governmental fund recognizes revenues in the accounting period the revenues become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the fiscal period. Per GASB 65, paragraph 30, when an asset is recorded in a governmental fund but the revenue is not available, deferred inflows of resources are reported in the governmental fund financial statements until such time the revenue becomes available. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the government has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for the deferred inflow is removed from the balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired. All deposits and investments are carried at cost. Investments are reported at fair value, based on quoted market prices. Deposits are reported at cost.

Interfund Transfers

During the course of normal operations, the Authority has numerous transactions between funds, including expenditures and transfers of resources to construct assets and service debt. The accompanying financial statements generally reflect such transactions as operating transfers.

Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit future periods are recorded as prepaid items. All other payments made to vendors for services that will benefit future periods are recorded as expenditures. These payments do not have a material affect on the financial statements.

Annual Budget

The Authority adopts an annual budget each year for expenditures applicable to the Revenue (General) Fund and the Capital Fund. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them is stated on a basis consistent with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgets lapse at fiscal year end.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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NOTE B CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS

The balance sheet accounts and types of cash items are presented below:

Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted	\$906,741
TOTALS	\$ 906,741
Imprest Change Fund Savings and checking	\$140 8,324 898,277
TOTALS	\$ 906,741

NOTE C INVESTMENTS

Statutory Authority: An act (PA 152) to amend 1943 PA 20, entitled "An act relative to the investment of funds of public corporations of the state; and to validate certain investments," by amending section 1 (MCL 129.91), as amended by 2009 PA 21.

Except as provided in section 5, the governing body by resolution may authorize its investment officer to invest the funds of that public corporation in one or more of the following:

- Bonds, securities, and other obligations of the United States or an agency or instrumentality of the United States.
- b. Certificates of deposit, savings accounts, or depository receipts of a financial institution, but only if the financial institution complies with subsection (2); certificates of deposit obtained through a financial institution as provided in subsection (5); or deposit accounts of a financial institution as provided in subsection (6).
- c. Commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the two highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase.
- d. Repurchase agreements consisting of instruments listed in subdivision (a).
- e. Bankers' acceptances of United States banks.

- f. Obligations of this state or any of its political subdivisions that at the time of purchase are rated as investment grade by not less than one standard rating service.
- g. Mutual funds registered under the investment company act of 1940, 15 USC 80a-1 to 80a-64, with authority to purchase only investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by a public corporation. However, a mutual fund is not disqualified as a permissible investment solely by reason of any of the following:
 - The purchase of securities on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis.
 - ii) The ability to lend portfolio securities as long as the mutual fund receives collateral at all times equal to at least 100% of the value of the securities loaned.
 - iii) The limited ability to borrow and pledge a like portion of the portfolio's assets for temporary or emergency purposes.
- h. Obligations described in subdivisions (a) through (g) if purchased through an interlocal agreement under the urban cooperation act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.501 to 124.512.
- Investment pools organized under the surplus funds investment pool act, 1982 PA 367, MCL 129.111 to 129.118.
- j. The investment pools organized under the local government investment pool act, 1985 PA 121, MCL 129.141 to 129.150.

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NOTE C INVESTMENTS (continued)

	I	Fair Value	L	ess Than 1 Year	Years 1 - 5	ears 10	More 10 Y	
Investments								
RBC Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC)	\$	2,009,404	\$	2,009,404	\$ 	\$ -	\$	
Total Investments	\$	2,009,404	\$	2,009,404	\$ -	\$ 	\$	
As reported on the Statement of Net Position								
Investments	\$	2,009,404						
Total Investments	\$	2,009,404						

Interest rate risk. The Authority does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit risk. State law limits investments in commercial paper, corporate bonds, and mutual bonds to the top two ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The Authority has an investment policy that further limits its investment choices.

Custodial credit risk. Investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Authority will not be able to recover the value of its investments or securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Of the Authority's \$2,009,404 investments, \$2,009,404 are in the name of the Authority.

Custodial deposit credit risk. Custodial deposit credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned. State law does not require and the Authority does not have a policy for deposit custodial credit risk. As of December 31, \$676,900 of the Authority's bank balance of \$898,277 was exposed to credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

Foreign Currency Risk. These deposits are in a financial institution located in Ontario, Canada in varying amounts.

All accounts are in the name of the Authority and specific funds. Interest is recorded in the month in which it is earned.

Cash and cash equivalents include cash deposited in a foreign (Canadian) financial institution. These deposits amount to \$430,488 (CAN) (\$337,115 U.S.) in its Canadian account and \$561,162 in its American account at the year ended December 31, 2017. These deposits are covered by Canadian depository insurance in the amount of \$78,310 (U.S.) (\$100,000 CAN), and Federal depository insurance in the amount of \$143,068.

Fair value measurement. The authority categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. Investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or equivalent) as a practical expedient are not classified in the fair value hierarchy below.

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NOTE C INVESTMENTS (continued)

In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels in the above fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation. The Authority's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements required judgment and considers factors specific to each asset or liability.

The Authority has the following fair value measurements as of December 31, 2017:

		Fair Value Measurements Using			
			Significant		
			Other	Significant	
		Quoted	Observable	Unobservable	
Investments by Fair Value	Balance at	Prices	Inputs	Inputs	
Level	12/31/2017	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)	
RBC Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC)	\$ 2,009,404	\$ 2,009,404	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Investments	\$ 2,009,404	\$ 2,009,404	\$ -	\$ -	

Securities classified in Level 1 are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those funds.

Year Ended December 31, 2017

NOTE D CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of capital assets is as follows:

Assets not being depreciated:	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases/ Adjustments	Ending Balance
Land	\$ 1,965,530		<u>. </u>	1,965,530
Other capital assets:				
Bridge Bridge lights Buildings Equipment Maintenance Equipment Office equipment Vehicles Security System	22,461,612 678,570 11,390,987 1,084,495 12,970 1,109,982 562,958 2,344,154	3,913,353 - - 17,770 - - 28,996	- - - - - -	26,374,965 678,570 11,390,987 1,084,495 30,740 1,109,982 562,958 2,373,150
Subtotal	39,645,728	3,960,301	<u>-</u>	43,606,029
Accumulated depreciation: Bridge Bridge lights Buildings Equipment Maintenance Equipment Office equipment Vehicles Security system	(18,419,273) (644,685) (1,037,674) (480,557) (7,102) (157,942) (447,324) (2,014,737)	(650,654) (2,420) (504,400) (151,156) (22,995) (32,077) (126,703)	- - - - - - -	(19,069,927) (647,105) (1,542,074) (638,815) - (180,937) (479,401) (2,141,440)
Subtotal	(23,209,294)	(1,490,405)		(24,699,699)
Net Other Capital Assets	16,436,434	2,469,714		18,906,148
Net Capital Assets	\$ 18,401,964	2,469,714		20,871,678

Note: Depreciation was entirely allocated to bridge maintenance expense.

Year Ended December 31, 2017

NOTE E RESTRICTED NET POSITION

Restricted net position at year ended December 31, 2017 consist of \$1,528,603 in investments, for the purpose of bridge repair, maintenance, and bridge owner projects, as required by the Intergovernmental Agreement.

NOTE F FUND BALANCES

At December 31, 2017 the combined fund balances included a non-spendable \$346,392 fund balance, and a restricted fund balance of \$1,528,603. Fund balance of \$(249,060) was unassigned for operational expenditures.

The combined owner reserve fund balances at December 31, 2017 were:

Owner	Reserve	Fund	Ral	lances
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	 evenue Fund	Capital Fund	MDOT Capital Fund	FBCL Capital Fund
MDOT	\$ 19,115	\$ 77,658	\$ 1,427,966	-
FBCL	 19,115	77,658		\$ 4,422
Total	\$ 38,320	\$155,316	\$ 1,427,966	\$ 4,422

NOTE G LEASE REVENUE

The Authority has entered into rental agreements that call for the Authority to receive a percentage of revenues from duty free shops on the American and Canadian plazas of the bridge. Also, the Authority receives fixed monthly and annual revenue for the use of land and right of ways owned by the Authority.

A summary of the lease revenue earned for the year ended December 31, 2017 is as follows:

American lease revenue	\$ 239,119
Canadian lease revenue	97,010
Total lease revenue	\$ 336,129

Lease revenue for future periods is based on a percentage of duty free shop annual gross sales. Lease rates vary based on actual gross sales. Five year future lease income is not available.

NOTE H COMPENSATED ABSENCES

All permanent employees of the Authority are employed through the State of Michigan and receive sick and vacation benefits in accordance with State guidelines. All employees are allowed to accumulate any unused sick and vacation hours up to specified limits. Upon termination of employment, the employee is entitled to compensation for the accumulated annual leave hours. State guidelines differ regarding payment for the accumulated sick leave hours depending on the date of hire.

The total amount that would be payable at the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$243,209. This amount is reflected as a liability in the Statement of Net Position.

The following is a summary of pertinent information concerning the Authority's long-term debt.

		Changes in Long-Term Debt				
	12/31/16	Additions	Deductions	12/31/17		
Compensated Absences	\$ 220,615	\$ 22,594	\$ -	\$ 243,209		
Total	\$ 220,615	\$ 22,594	\$ -	\$ 243,209		

(1) The change in compensated absences is shown as a net decrease.

Year Ended December 31, 2017

NOTE I INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

The Authority reports interfund balances between its funds. The total of all balances agrees with the sum of interfund balances presented in the balance sheet for governmental funds.

Interfund balances at December 31, 2017 consisted of the following:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Due To</u>	<u>Due From</u>
Revenue Fund	\$1,722,272	\$
Capital Fund MDOT Capital	-	289,884
Fund	-	1,427,966
FBCL Capital Fund		4,422
TOTALS	\$ 1,722,272	\$ 1,722,272

All balances resulted from the time lag between dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made. Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2017 consisted of the following:

Fund	<u>Transfers</u> <u>Out</u>	_	<u>Fransfers</u> <u>In</u>
Revenue Fund	\$ 3,994,778	\$	1,048,320
Capital Fund MDOT Capital	848,320		4,194,778
Fund FBCL Capital	200,000		-
Fund	 200,000		-
TOTALS	\$ 5,243,098	\$	5,243,098

NOTE J FOREIGN CURRENCY VALUATION

The Authority engages in Canadian currency transactions for bridge toll collections and Canadian purchases. All financial statement amounts are restated as American funds at the time of toll collection and/or payment of Canadian purchases utilizing the average monthly exchange rate. The balance sheet is valued at the daily exchange rate as of the year ended December 31, 2017. Fluctuations in the exchange rate could be material to the Authority. For the year ended December 31, 2017, due to asset revaluation, revenues increased in the amount of \$120,639 due to the difference in U.S. and Canadian dollar currency rates at the fiscal year end.

NOTE K PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

The Authority pays property taxes in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and payment in lieu of taxes, less Ontario tax rebates and refunds, to the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. The amounts paid to each respective unit, net of property tax rebates, for the year ended December 31, 2017, are as follows:

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario	\$ 89,321
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan	92,388
Total tax payments	\$ 181,709

NOTE L PENSION PLAN

Defined Contribution Plan Description – The Authority participates in the State of Michigan's defined contribution plan that covers most state employees, as well as related entities such as the International Bridge Administration. The defined contribution plan provides retirement, disability, death benefits, and the annual cost of living adjustment to plan members. The Plan issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the system. That report may be obtained by writing to the System at Suite S0927, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909 or by calling (517) 322-5103 or 1-800-381-5111.

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NOTE L PENSION PLAN (continued)

Year Ended Dec 31	Annual Pension Cost (APC)	Percentage of APC Contributed	Net Pension Obligation	
2013	\$ 969,625	100%	0	
2014	1,070,639	100%	0	
2015	1,059,992	100%	0	
2016	981,360	100%	0	
2017	1,055,779	100%	0	

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute based on the changes made to the plan via Public Act 264 of 2011, effective April 1, 2012. Participants who elected to remain in the plan are required to contribute 4% of their compensation; the Authority is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate for the defined benefit plan of 33.3, 36.3, 55.9, 70.0% percent of payroll for the years ended September 30 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively. The contribution rate for 2015 was 79.1%. The Authority is required to contribute to the defined contribution plan 4.0 percent of payroll with an additional match of up to 3.0 percent for the years ended September 30, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, and 2013. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Authority are established and may be amended by the state legislature. The state legislature establishes the extent to which employer and employees are required to make contributions and establishes the benefit provisions for the plan. Post employment benefits are described in Note M.

Defined Benefit Public Employee Retirement Plan **Description** – The Michigan State Employees Retirement System (System) is a single-employer, state-wide, defined benefit public employee retirement plan governed by the State of Michigan (State) and created under Public Act 240 of 1943, as amended. Section 2 of this act established the board's authority to promulgate or amend the provisions of the System. The board consists of nine members – four appointed by the Governor which consist of two employee members and two retirant members, the insurance commissioner, attorney general, state treasurer, deputy legislative auditor general, and state personnel director, who serves as an exofficio member. The System's pension plan was established by the State to provide retirement, survivor and disability benefits to the State's government employees.

The Michigan State Employees' Retirement System is accounted for in a separate pension trust fund and also issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by visiting www.michigan.gov/ors or by calling the Customer Information Center at (517) 322-5103 or 1-800-381 -5111.

Membership

At September 30, 2017, the Plan's membership consisted of the following:

Inactive plan members or their beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	59,684
Inactive plan members not yet receiving benefits	3,595
Active plan members	10,850
Total plan members	74,129

Benefits Provided

Introduction

Benefit provisions of the defined benefit pension plan are established by State statute, which may be amended. Public Act 240 of 1943, State Employees' Retirement Act, as amended, establishes eligibility and benefit provisions for the defined benefit pension plan. Retirement benefits are determined by final average compensation and years of service. Members are eligible to receive a monthly benefit when they meet certain age and service requirements. The System also provides duty disability, non-duty disability and survivor benefits.

A member who has separated from employment may request a refund of his or her member contribution account. A refund may cancel a former member's rights to future benefits. However, former members who return to employment and who previously received a refund of their contributions may reinstate their service through repayment of the refund upon satisfaction of certain requirements.

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NOTE L PENSION PLAN (continued)

Effective March 31, 1997, Public Act 487 of 1996 closed the plan to new entrants. All new employees become members of the defined contribution plan. The Public Act allows returning employees and members who left State employment on or before March 31, 1997, to elect the defined benefit plan instead of the defined contribution plan.

Public Act 185 of 2010, established a pension supplement. Members who retired under the retirement incentive of the legislation agreed to forfeit accumulated leave balances, excluding banked leave time; in exchange they receive a pension supplement for 60 months to their retirement allowance payments equal to 1/60 of the amount forfeited from funds, beginning January 1, 2011.

Pension Reform of 2012

On December 15, 2011, the Governor signed Public Act 264 of 2011 into law. The legislation granted members a choice regarding their future retirement plan. They had the following options:

Option 1: DB Classified. Members voluntarily elected to remain in the DB plan for future service and contribute 4% of their annual compensation to the pension fund until they terminate state employment. The 4% contribution began on April 1, 2012.

Option 2: DB 30. Members voluntarily elected to remain in the DB plan for future service and contribute 4% of pay until they reach 30 years of service. When they reach 30 years of service, they will switch to the State's DC plan. The 4% contribution began April 1, 2012, and continues until they switch to the DC plan or terminate employment, whichever comes first.

Option 3: DB/DC Blend. Members voluntarily elected not to pay the 4% and therefore became participants in the DC plan for future service beginning April 1, 2012. As a DC plan participant they receive a 4% employer contribution to their 401(k) account and are eligible for an additional dollar-for-dollar employer match of up to 3% of pay to the plan.

Deferred members of the DB plan (with 10 or more years of service) who are reemployed by the State on or

after January 1, 2012, become participants in the DC plan. Their pension calculation is determined by their final average compensation (FAC) and years of service as of March 31, 2012. They retain their eligibility for the retiree health insurance premium subsidy offered by the State.

Former nonvested members of the DB plan (with less than 10 years of service) who are reemployed by the State on or after January 1, 2012 and before January 1, 2014, become participants in the DC plan. When they have earned sufficient service credit for vesting (10 years) they would be eligible for a pension based on their FAC and years of service in the DB plan as of March 31, 2012. They retain their eligibility for the retiree health insurance premium subsidy offered by the State.

Former nonvested members (with less than 10 years of service) of the DB plan who are reemployed by the State on or after January 1, 2014 become members of the DC plan. Any service credit previously earned would count towards vesting for the DC plan. They will not be eligible for any pension or retiree health insurance coverage premium but will become a participant in the Personal Healthcare Fund where they will contribute up to 2% of their compensation to 401(k) or 457 accounts earning a matching 2% employer contribution. They will also receive a credit into a health reimbursement account (HRA) at termination if they terminate employment with at least 10 years of service. The credit will be \$2,000 for participants who are at least 60 years old or \$1,000 for participants who are less than 60 years old at termination.

Regular Retirement

The retirement benefit is based on a member's years of credited service (employment) and FAC. The normal benefit equals 1.5% of a member's FAC multiplied by the years and partial year of credited service and is payable monthly over the member's lifetime.

Under PA 264 of 2011, FAC is initially determined as the annual average of the highest three years of compensation (including overtime paid before January 1, 2012, but excluding overtime paid after December 31, 2011). If the end date for the initial FAC calculation is between January 1, 2012, and January 1, 2015, then a prorated amount of post-2008 average overtime will

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NOTE L PENSION PLAN (continued)

be added to the initial FAC calculation. If the end date for the initial FAC calculation is January 1, 2015, or later, then an annual average of overtime – for the sixyear period ending on the FAC calculation date – will be added to that initial FAC calculation to get the final FAC number.

For members who switch to the DC plan for future service, the pension calculation (FAC times 1.5% times years of service) will be determined as of the point the member switches to the DC plan. If the FAC period includes the date of the switch to the DC plan, then the FAC will include up to 240 hours of accrued annual leave multiplied by the rate of pay as of the date of the switch. The hours will be paid at separation.

A member may retire and receive a monthly benefit after attaining:

- age 60 with 10 or more years of credited service; or
- age 55 with 30 or more years of credited service; or
- age 55 with at least 15 but less than 30 years of credited service. The benefit allowance is permanently reduced 0.5% for each month from the member's age on the effective date of retirement to the date the member will attain age 60.

Employees in covered positions are eligible for supplemental benefits and may retire after attaining:

- age 51 with 25 or more years in a covered position;
- age 56 with 10 or more years in a covered position.

In either case, the three years immediately preceding retirement must have been in a covered position. Employees in covered positions are responsible for the custody and supervision of inmates.

Deferred Retirement

Any member with 10 or more years of credited service who terminates employment but has not reached the age of retirement is a deferred member and is entitled to receive a monthly pension upon reaching age 60, provided the member's accumulated contributions have not been refunded. Deferred retirement is available after five years of service for State employees occupy-

ing unclassified positions in the executive and legislative branches and certain Department of Community Health employees subject to reduction in force layoffs by reason of deinstitutionalization.

Non-Duty Disability Benefit

A member with 10 or more years of credited service who becomes totally and permanently disabled not due to performing duties as a State employee is eligible for a non-duty disability pension. The non-duty disability benefit is computed in the same manner as an age and service allowance based upon service and salary at the time of disability.

Duty Disability Benefit

A member who becomes totally and permanently disabled from performing duties as a State employee as a direct result of State employment and who has not met the age and service requirement for a regular pension, is eligible for a duty disability pension. Public Act 109 of 2004 amended the State Employees' Retirement Act to change the calculation of the pension benefit and increase the minimum annual payment. If the member is under age 60, the duty disability allowance is now a minimum of \$6,000 payable annually. At age 60 the benefit is recomputed under service retirement.

Survivor Benefit

Upon the death of a member who was vested, the surviving spouse shall receive a benefit calculated as if the member had retired the day before the date of death and selected a survivor pension. Certain designated beneficiaries can be named to receive a survivor benefit. Public Act 109 of 2004 amended the State Employees' Retirement Act to change the calculation of Duty Death benefits and redefines eligibility for deceased member's survivors. The new minimum duty-related death benefit has been increased to \$6,000.

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NOTE L PENSION PLAN (continued)

Pension Payment Options

When applying for retirement, an employee may name a person other than his or her spouse as a beneficiary if the spouse waives this right. If a beneficiary is named, the employee must choose whether the beneficiary will receive 100%, 75% or 50% of the retiree's pension benefit after the retiree's death. The decision is irrevocable. A description of the options follows.

Regular Pension - The pension benefit is computed with no beneficiary rights. If the retiree made contributions while an employee and has not received the total accumulated contributions before death, a refund of the balance of the contributions is made to the beneficiary of record. If the retiree did not make any contributions, there will not be payments to beneficiaries.

100% Survivor Pension - Under this option, after the retiree's death, the beneficiary will receive 100% of the pension for the remainder of the beneficiary's lifetime. If this option is elected, the normal retirement benefit is reduced by a factor based upon the ages of the retiree and of the beneficiary. If the beneficiary predeceases the retiree, the pension "pops-up" to the regular pension amount; another beneficiary cannot be named.

75% Survivor Pension - Under this option, after the retiree's death, the beneficiary will receive 75% of the pension for the remainder of the beneficiary's lifetime. If this option is elected, the normal retirement benefit is reduced by a factor based upon the ages of the retiree and of the beneficiary. The reduction factor is lower than the factor used in the 100% option previously described. If the beneficiary predeceases the retiree, the pension "pops-up" to the regular pension amount; another beneficiary cannot be named.

50% Survivor Pension - Under this option, after the retiree's death, the beneficiary will receive 50% of the pension for the remainder of the beneficiary's lifetime. If this option is elected, the normal retirement benefit is reduced by a factor based upon the ages of the retiree and of the beneficiary. The reduction factor is lower than the factor used in the 100% or 75% option previously described. If the beneficiary predeceases the retiree, the pension "pops-up" to the regular pension amount; another beneficiary cannot be named.

Equated Pension - An equated pension may be chosen by any member under age 65 except a disability retiree and an early supplemental retiree. Equated pensions provide an additional amount until age 65 and may be combined with Regular, 100%, 75% or 50% option. At age 65 the monthly amount is permanently reduced. The initial and reduced amounts are based on an estimate of social security benefits at age 65, provided by the Social Security Administration Office. In order to calculate this benefit, members choosing this option must provide ORS with an estimate from the Social Security Administration Office. The actual amount received from social security may vary from the estimate.

Post Retirement Adjustments

One-time upward benefit adjustments were made in 1972, 1974, 1976, 1977 and 1987. Beginning October 1, 1988, a 3% non-compounding increase, up to a maximum of \$25 monthly, is paid each October to recipients who have been retired 12 full months. Beginning in 1983, eligible benefit recipients share in a distribution of investment income earned in excess of 8% annually. This distribution is known as the supplemental payment. The supplemental payment is offset by one year's cumulative increases received after the implementation of the annual 3% increase in benefits. These adjustment payments were not issued during fiscal years 1991 through 1994. Members who retired on or after October 1, 1987, are not eligible for the supplemental payment.

Contributions

Member Contributions

Under Public Act 264 of 2011, members who voluntarily elected to remain in the DB plan contribute 4% of compensation to the retirement system. In addition, members may voluntarily contribute to the System for the purchase of creditable service, such as military service or maternity leave, or a universal buy-in. If a member terminates employment before a retirement benefit is payable, the member's contribution and interest on deposit may be refunded. If the member dies before being vested, the member's contribution and interest are refunded to the designated beneficiaries.

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NOTE L PENSION PLAN (continued)

Employer Contributions

The statute requires the employer to contribute to finance the benefits of plan members. These employer contributions are determined annually by the System's actuary and are based upon level-dollar value funding principles so the contribution rates do not have to increase over time. For fiscal year 2017, the Authority's contribution rate was 25.5% of the defined benefit employee wages and 22.2% of the defined contribution employee wages. The Authority's contribution to SERS for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 was \$499,678.

Actuarial Assumptions

The Authority's net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2016, and rolled-forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The total pension liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Wage Inflation Rate	3.5%
Projected Salary Increases including wage inflation at	3.5—12.5% 3.5%
Investment Rate of Return	7.5%
Cost-of-Living Pension Adjustment (Annual Non-Compounded with Maxi Increase of \$300 for those eligible)	3% mum Annual

Mortality rates were based on RP-2000 Male and Female Combined Healthy Life Mortality Tables, adjusted for mortality improvements to 2015 projections scale BB. For retirees, 100% of the table rates were used. For active members, 50% of the table rates were used for males and females.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building— block

method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (Expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2017, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Allocation

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity Pools	28%	5.6%
Private Equity Pools	18	8.7
International Equity Pools	16	7.2
Fixed Income Pools	10.5	(0.1)
Real Estate and Infrastructure	10.0	4.2
Absolute Return Pools	15.5	5.0
Short Term Investment Pools	2.0	(0.9)
Total	100%	

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NOTE L PENSION PLAN (continued)

Discount Rate

A discount rate of 8.0% was used to measure the total pension liability. This discount rate was based on the long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 8.0%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these 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 was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

MSERS Plan Net Pension Liability (in thousands)

Total Pension Liability	\$16,999,872
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	11,807,059
Net Pension Liability	\$5,192,813
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability	69.45%
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	170.24%

Net Pension Liability

At December 31, 2017, the Authority reported a liability of \$3,543,796 for its proportionate share of SERS' net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2017, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2016 and rolled-forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The Authority's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Authority's required pension contributions received by SERS during the measurement period October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017, relative to the total required employer contributions from all of SERS's participating

employers. At September 30, 2017, the Authority's proportion was less than 1% percent.

Assumption changes, based on the adoption of the findings of the experience study covering the period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2012, increased the computed liabilities.

Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability, in thousands, calculated using the discount rate of 8% as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current discount rate:

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability

\$4,550,156	1% Decrease 7%
\$3,543,796	Current Discount 8.0%
\$2,675,285	1% Increase 9%

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that may be obtained by visiting (www.michigan.gov/ors).

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NOTE L PENSION PLAN (continued)

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

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Authority recognized pension expense of \$(154,757). At December 31, 2017, the Authority reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

tions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended September 30:								
Pension Expense Amount								
-								
2018	11,295							
2019	(9,651)							
2020	91,422							
2021	7,496							

	rred Outflows Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 424			
Changes in assumptions				
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on investments	79,617			
Changes in proportion and differences between actual contributions and proportionate share of contribution		20,521		
Authority contributions subsequent to the measurement date	499,678			
Total	<u>\$579,719</u>	<u>\$20,521</u>		

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NOTE M POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS NOTE O FUND BALANCE DEFICIT

In addition to the pension benefits described in Note L, the Authority provides post retirement health care benefits, in accordance with State statutes, to all employees who retire from the government with age and years of service amounting to 80 or more. The government reimburses the amount of validated claims for medical, dental, and hospitalization costs incurred by pre-Medicare retirees and their dependents.

Expenditures for postretirement health care benefits are recognized as retirees report claims and include a provision for estimated claims incurred but not yet reported to the State of Michigan. Post employment benefits is included within the State of Michigan financial reporting, and specific information relating to bridge administration employees is not available.

NOTE N PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

A prior period adjustment was made to correct a bank reconciling issue recorded in error in the amount of \$26,803. Cash was debited in the amount of \$26,803 and the Fund Balance was credited for the same amount.

The deficit in unassigned fund balance is contrary to the provisions of Section 15(2) of Public Act 2 of 1968, as amended. The Authority's Revenue Fund has a deficit balance in its unassigned component of fund balance. The Revenue Fund has a negative unassigned fund balance of \$249,060, but had a positive fund balance overall of \$38,230. The Authority is in noncompliance with Public Act 2 of 1968, as amended. The Authority originally had a significant painting project slated for 2017 and 2018. The Contractor was able to complete the entire project in one season allowing for a significant savings to the Authority in regards to the entire project. However, the shift in maintenance expenditures into the current year reduced the Authority's fund balance. In 2018, there will now be a significant reduction in maintenance expenditures allowing for a recovery in fund balance that is anticipated to eliminate the deficit in unassigned fund balance.



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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



$\begin{array}{c} {\rm BUDGETARY\ COMPARISON\ SCHEDULE}\\ {\rm REVENUE\ FUND} \end{array}$

				Variance with Final Budget
<u>-</u>		l Amounts	Actual Amounts	Positive
<u>-</u>	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	(Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance December 31, 2016	\$ 759,427	\$ 759,	427 \$ 759,427	\$ -
Resources (inflows):				
Toll collections	6,110,744	6,110,	744 6,622,048	511,304
Lease and rental revenues	400,000	400,		(63,871)
Interest revenues	91,661	91,	661 1,067	(90,594)
Other revenues	43,680	43,	680 61,233	17,553
Exchange gain	<u> </u>		- 111,511	111,511
Amounts available for appropriation	6,646,085	6,646,	7,131,988	485,903
Charges to appropriation (outflows):				
Salaries	3,901,072	3,901,	072 3,716,993	184,079
Insurance	309,820	309,	820 316,469	(6,649)
Supplies	29,032		032 25,499	3,533
Accounting and audit fees	28,515	28,	515 24,742	3,773
Periodicals and memberships	3,274	3,	274 819	2,455
Printing and postage	4,341	4,	341 4,194	147
Advertising	4,587	4,	587 6,591	(2,004)
Uniforms	12,616	12,	616 10,936	1,680
Medical exam	2,700	2,	700 4,947	(2,247)
Salary administration	69,097	69,	097 61,671	7,426
Cash transportation services	12,000	12,	000 9,768	2,232
Commutation debit accounts	2,281	2,	281 4,465	(2,184)
Vehicle gas and oil	24,308	24,	308 31,307	(6,999)
Travel & meeting expense	34,859	34,	859 29,408	5,451
Utilities	167,541	167,	541 194,760	(27,219)
Service contract purchased	11,202	11,	202 4,002	7,200
Computers, software and support	303,933	303,	933 51,669	252,264
Training	515		515 724	(209)
Building maintenance	14,151	14,	151 6,247	7,904
Building improvements and equipment	61,364	61,	364 32,971	28,393
Heating and plumbing repair	5,150	5,	150 18,656	(13,506)
Ground maintenance	1,906	1,	906 1,914	(8)
Equipment repair	28,891	28,	891 18,694	10,197
Vehicle maintenance	12,360	12,	360 3,138	9,222
Leases and rentals	3,193	3,	193 17,325	(14,132)
Paint and sandblast materials	1,545	1,	545 -	1,545
Sand and ice melter	4,635	4,	635 8,309	(3,674)
Small tools purchase	37,848	37,	848 23,202	14,646
Bridge and road maintenance and repair	25,750	25,	750 35,097	(9,347)
Commuter bus expenditures	75,080	75,	080 86,481	(11,401)
Property tax and payment in lieu of taxes	238,000	238,	000 181,709	56,291
Miscellaneous	3,492	3,	492 823	2,669
Transfers (in) out	-	3,146,	458 2,946,458	200,000
Prior Period Adjustment			- (26,803)	26,803
Total charges to appropriations	5,435,058	8,581,	7,853,185	728,331
Budgetary fund balance, For the Year Ending December 31, 2	\$ 1,970,454	\$ (1,176,	004) \$ 38,230	\$ 1,214,234

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE CAPITAL FUND

	Budgeted	d Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive
- -	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	(Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance December 31, 2016	\$ 1,004,342	\$ 1,004,342	\$ 1,004,342	\$ -
Resources (inflows):				
Interest revenues	-	-	115	115
Exchange gain (loss)	-	-	9,128	9,128
Transfers in		2,581,522	4,194,778	1,613,256
Amounts available for appropriation		2,581,522	4,204,021	1,622,499
Charges to appropriations (outflows):				
Professional services	409,094	409,094	749,604	(340,510)
Capital outlay	3,265,192	3,265,192	3,313,935	(48,743)
Administration	601,821	601,821	468	601,353
Repairs and maintenance (owner)	-	-	140,719	(140,719)
Transfers out	848,320	848,320	848,320	
Total charges to appropriations	5,124,427	5,124,427	5,053,046	71,381
Budgetary fund balance, For the Year Ending December 31, 2	\$ (4,120,085)	\$ (1,538,563)	\$ 155,317	\$ 1,693,880

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$\begin{array}{c} {\tt BUDGETARY\ COMPARISON\ SCHEDULE}\\ {\tt MDOT\ CAPITAL\ FUND} \end{array}$

	Budgeted	l Amou			tual Amounts	Fina Po	nce with l Budget ositive
	 Original		Final	(Bu	dgetary Basis)	(Ne	gative)
Budgetary Fund Balance December 31, 2016	\$ 1,627,966	\$	1,627,966	\$	1,627,966	\$	
Charges to appropriations (outflows): Transfers out			200,000		200,000		<u>-</u>
Total charges to appropriations			200,000		200,000		
Budgetary fund balance, For the Year Ending Dec 31, 2017	\$ 1,627,966	\$	1,427,966	\$	1,427,966	\$	-

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$\begin{array}{c} {\tt BUDGETARY\ COMPARISON\ SCHEDULE}\\ {\tt FBCL\ CAPITAL\ FUND} \end{array}$

<u>-</u>	Budgeted Amounts Original Final					Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
Budgetary Fund Balance December 31, 2016	\$	204,422	\$	204,422	\$	204,422	\$ -
Charges to appropriations (outflows): Transfers out		<u> </u>		200,000		200,000	
Total charges to appropriations				200,000		200,000	
Budgetary fund balance, For the Year Ending December 31, 20	\$	204,422	\$	4,422	\$	4,422	\$ -



STATE EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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The comparability of trend information is affected by changes in actuarial assumptions, benefit provisions, actuarial funding methods, accounting policies, and other changes. Those changes usually affect trends in contribution requirements and in ratios that use the pension and other postemployment benefit obligations as a factor.

The Schedule of Contributions is presented in the Michigan State Employees Retirement System Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017, and is used to show the responsibility of the Employer in meeting the actuarial requirements to maintain the System on a sound financial basis. The Michigan State Employees Retirement System Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017 is available at www.michigan.gov.

The Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Contributions are schedules that are required in implementing GASB Statement No. 68. The Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability represents in actuarial terms, the accrued liability less the market value of assets. The Schedule of Contributions is a comparison of the employer's contributions to the actuarially determined contributions.

The information presented in the Schedule of Contributions was used in the actuarial valuation for purposes of determining actuarially determined contribution rate. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation for the pension plan follows.

Valuation

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution For Fiscal Year 2017

Actuarial Cost Method Entry Age, Normal

Amortization Method Level Dollar, Closed

Remaining Amortization Period 21 years

Asset Valuation Method Five-year smoothed fair value

Wage Inflation Rate 3.5%

Projected Salary Increases 3.5 wage inflation

Investment Rate of Return 7.5% net of investment and administrative expenses

Retirement Age Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the type

of eligibility condition.

Mortality RP-2000 Combined Health Life Mortality Table, adjusted

for mortality improvements to 2017 using projection scale BB. For retirees, 100% of the table rates were used. For active members, 50% of the table rates were used for males

and females.

Actuarially determined contribution amounts are calculated as of September 30, each year, which is 1 day prior to the beginning of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.



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We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Authority, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Authority's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 17, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

To the Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Authority Members and Representatives

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC Certified Public Accountants Kincheloe, Michigan

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May 17, 2018



SAULT STE. MARIE BRIDGE AUTHORITY

UNAUDITED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION



SCHEDULE OF TRAFFIC & TOLL REVENUE - UNAUDITED

			_	AMERICAN		CANADIAN			
			_	VEHICLES	REVENUE	VEHICLES	REVENUE		
				ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL		
CLASS 1 & 12									
	Passenger Car, 2 Axle Truck, Motorcyle			257,380	\$ 918,979	363,910	\$ 751,750		
CLASS 2	CL 1-1A LT T			17.022	90.470	(7/7	40.021		
CLASS 3	Class 1 + 1 Axle Trailer			17,033	89,470	6,767	40,921		
	Class 1 + 2 Axle Trailer			10,316	73,233	7,680	55,300		
		Commuter B	ooks Sold						
CLASS 29		American	Canadian						
CLASS 5 & 11	Commuter	13,259	81,462	144,068	370,378	674,124	1,859,290		
CLASS 5 & 11	Bus, 2 Axle-6Tire Commercial			7,080	65,228	1,290	11,871		
CLASS 7									
	3 Axle Commercial			1,749	23,612	671	3,957		
CLASS 8									
CLASS 9	4 Axle Commercial			1,175	21,150	207	1,253		
CLASS 7	5 Axle Commercial			30,992	697,365	13,975	320,524		
CLASS 16									
	6 Axle Commercial			3,382	91,260	1,685	59,790		
CLASS 17				2211	104.206	1.500	40.050		
CLASS 18	7 Axle Commercial			3,311	104,286	1,599	48,058		
02.150 10	8 Axle Commercial			2,208	79,560	1,900	68,209		
CLASS 19									
	9 Axle Commercial			5,324	215,419	1,415	86,410		
CLASS 20	10 Axle Commercial			6,153	276,840	4,254	195,544		
CLASS 21	10 Axie Commerciai			6,133	270,840	4,234	193,344		
	11 Axle Commercial			1,858	91,971	4	419		
CLASS 13									
	Non Revenue					4,772			
TOTAL VEHICLES				492,029		1,084,253			
TOTAL REVENUE					\$ 3,118,750		\$ 3,503,298		
TOTAL AMERICAN	& CANADIAN TRAFFIC			1,576,282					
TOTAL AMERICAN	& CANADIAN REVENUE			\$ 6,622,048					

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE REVENUE FUND BY DEPARTMENT - UNAUDITED

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual Amounts		Variance with Final Budget Positive		
	Original		Final		(Budgetary Basis)		(Negative)	
Budgetary Fund Balance December 31, 2016	\$ 75	59,427	\$	759,427	\$	759,427	\$	
Resources (inflows):								
Toll collections	6,11	0,744	6.	,110,744		6,622,048	511,	304
Lease and rental revenues	40	00,000		400,000		336,129	(63,	871)
Interest revenue	9	1,661		91,661		1,067	(90,	594)
Other revenue	4	3,680		43,680		61,233	17,	553
Exchange gain (loss)					-	111,511	111,	511
Amounts available for appropriation	6,64	6,085	6,	,646,085		7,131,988	485,	903
Charges to appropriation (outflows):								
Toll collection								
Salaries	1,66	57,178	1,	,667,178		1,551,653	115,	525
Insurance	2	2,469		22,469		9,949	12,	520
Supplies		3,708		3,708		5,993	(2,	285)
Printing and postage		268		268		395	(127)
Advertising		2,500		2,500		371	2,	129
Uniforms		4,700		4,700		3,448	1,	252
Medical exam		1,000		1,000		700	:	300
Salary administration	2	29,385		29,385		25,902	3,	483
Cash transportation services	1	2,000		12,000		9,768	2,	232
Commutation debit accounts		1,500		1,500		2,649	(1,	149)
Travel & meeting expense		850		850		482	:	368
Computers, software and support	8	35,040		85,040		23,079	61,	961
Building maintenance		2,100		2,100		1,341		759
Building improvements and equipment	2	21,000		21,000		11,552	9,	448
Equipment repair		6,525		6,525		190	6,	335
Miscellaneous		2,060		2,060		45	2,	015
Total toll collection	1,86	52,284	1	,862,284		1,647,508	214,	776

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE REVENUE FUND BY DEPARTMENT - UNAUDITED

	D.114			Variance with Final Budget Positive	
	Budgeted Ar		Actual Amounts		
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	(Negative)	
Bridge maintenance					
Salaries	1,811,444	1,811,444	1,752,542	58,902	
Insurance	47,254	47,254	35,593	11,661	
Supplies	18,792	18,792	15,941	2,851	
Printing and postage	464	464	256	208	
Advertising	824	824	280	544	
Uniforms	7,916	7,916	7,488	428	
Medical exam	1,700	1,700	4,247	(2,547)	
Salary administration	31,863	31,863	32,069	(206)	
Commutation debit accounts	371	371	1,487	(1,116)	
Vehicle gas and oil	24,308	24,308	31,307	(6,999)	
Travel & meeting expense	1,236	1,236	5,410	(4,174)	
Utilities	159,362	159,362	185,027	(25,665)	
Service contract purchased	6,651	6,651	´ -	6,651	
Computers, software and support	210,386	210,386	15,270	195,116	
Training	515	515	724	(209)	
Building maintenance	12,051	12,051	4,906	7,145	
Building improvements and equipment	39,247	39,247	21,419	17,828	
Heating and plumbing repair	5,150	5,150	18,656	(13,506)	
Ground maintenance	1,906	1,906	1,914	(8)	
Equipment repair	22,366	22,366	18,504	3,862	
Vehicle maintenance	12,360	12,360	3,138	9,222	
Leases and rentals	3,193	3,193	15,472	(12,279)	
Paint and sandblast materials	1,545	1,545	-	1,545	
Sand and ice melter	4,635	4,635	8,309	(3,674)	
Small tools purchase	37,848	37,848	23,202	14,646	
Bridge and road maintenance and repair	25,750	25,750	35,097	(9,347)	
Miscellaneous	541	541	585	(44)	
Total maintenance	2,489,679	2,489,679	2,238,843	250,836	

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE REVENUE FUND BY DEPARTMENT - UNAUDITED

				Variance with Final Budget	
	Budgeted Amounts Original Final		Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Positive (Negative)	
	Oliginai		(Budgettily Busis)	(Tregutive)	
Administration					
Salaries	422,450	422,450	412,798	9,652	
Insurance	3,196	3,196	1,341	1,855	
Supplies	6,532	6,532	3,565	2,967	
Accounting and audit fees	28,515	28,515	24,742	3,773	
Periodicals and memberships	3,274	3,274	819	2,455	
Printing and postage	3,609	3,609	3,543	66	
Advertising	1,263	1,263	5,922	(4,659	
Salary administration	7,849	7,849	3,700	4,149	
Commutation debit accounts	213	213	329	(116	
Travel & meeting expense	5,273	5,273	8,051	(2,778	
Utilities	8,179	8,179	9,742	(1,563	
Service contract purchased	4,551	4,551	1,602	2,949	
Computers, software and support	8,507	8,507	13,320	(4,813	
Building improvements and equipment	1,117	1,117	· -	1,117	
Miscellaneous	891	891	67	824	
Total administration	505,418	505,418	489,541	15,877	
Other expenditures					
Insurance	236,900	236,900	269,586	(32,686	
Advertising	-	-	18	(18	
Commutation debit accounts	197	197	-	197	
Travel & meeting expense	27,500	27,500	15,465	12,035	
Service contract purchased	-	-	2,400	(2,400	
Leases and rentals	-	-	1,853	(1,853	
Commuter bus expenditures	75,080	75,080	86,481	(11,401	
Property tax and payment in lieu of taxes	238,000	238,000	181,709	56,291	
Miscellaneous	-	-	126	(126	
Prior Period Adjustment	-	_	(26,803)		
Transfers (in) out		3,146,458	2,946,458	200,000	
Total other expenditures	577,677	3,724,135	3,477,293	246,842	
Total charges to appropriations	5,435,058	8,581,516	7,853,185	728,331	
adgetary fund balance, For the Year Ending December 31, 20	1,970,454	\$ (1,176,004)	\$ 38,230	\$ 1,214,234	

SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE - UNAUDITED

Policy Number and Insurer	_	Coverage 2015/16		Premium/Deposit 2015/16		
BRIDGE USE AND OCCUPANCY & COMMERCIAL BUILDING CONTENTS						
14012 (35% Liberty Mutual Ins. Co.) (10% Zurich Ins. Co.) (Royal & Sun Alliance 27.5%)	Bridge physical damage 3% if Total Insurable Values subject to minimum deductible of \$500,000 for Earthquake \$500,000 deductible for Flood \$500,000 All Other Perils	\$	136,172,295	\$	166,385 cc	dn
(Allianz global Risks 27.5%)	Bridge use and occupancy insurance Property of every description, Contractors equipment,	\$	14,471,904			
	Building - 139 Huron St Gross Rentals Valuable Papers Employees Effects	\$ \$ \$	14,355,245 404,000 75,000 250,000			
	Extra Expense Bridge Use & Occupancy Earthquake - 3% of TIV -min. deductable \$500,000 Bridge Use & Occupancy - Flood deductable \$500,000 Property of Every Description - Earthquake - 3% of TIV min. deductable \$250,000 Property of Every Description - Flood deductable \$50,000 All Other Losses - deductable \$50,000	\$	1,000,000			
BOILER & MACHINERY	Combined Limit, Property Damage, Business Interruption & Extra Expense (USD/CAD)	\$	25,000,000	\$	3,470 co	dn
76427331 (Chubb Insurance Company of Canada)	Sublimits - Business Interruption \$5,000,000 Water Damage, Ammonia Contamination & Haz. Substance Errors & Omissions Data & Media Fungus Cleanup/Removal - Annual Aggregate Property Damage & Extra Expense / deductibles 1,000 Waiting Period / Time Element 48 hours	\$ \$ \$ \$	5,000,000 250,000 1,000,000 100,000 50,000			
				\$	1,186 us	S
COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY						
RMGL 3824416 (AIG of Canada)	Commercial general liability with \$50,000 deductible for Bodily and property damage, Personal Injury and Advertising Liability \$1,000 deductible for Employee benefits liability \$1,000 deductible for Legal liability and damage to hired vehicles (All Perils) \$1,000 deductible for Tenants legal liability \$1,000 deductible for Forest fire fighting expenses Legal and auditing expenses included in deductible \$50,000 deductable Terrorism Coverage	\$	1,000,000	\$	29,963 u	S

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SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE - UNAUDITED

Policy Number and Insurer	_	Coverage 20°		Premiu ge 2015/16 20		•
PRIMARY UMBRELLA LIABILITY						
UM1360101 (100% Caitlin)	Bodily injury and property damage liability-umbrella in excess of \$1,000,000 Self-Insured Retention - Any One Occurrence \$10,000	\$	15,000,000	\$	47,152	cdn
EXCESS UMBRELLA LIABILITY						
7974 7813 (100% Chubb)	Bodily injury and property damage liability-umbrella in excess of primary umbrella	\$	9,000,000	\$	12,865	cdn
WORKERS COMPENSATION						
(100% Accident Fund)	Worker's compensation and employer's liability insurance	\$	1,000,000	\$	31,815	us
COMMERCIAL CRIME						
CR00000013729Z (100% Harleysville)	Theft of Money and Securities - inside the premises \$1,000 deductible	\$	100,000	\$	850	us
VEHICLE INSURANCE						
BA0000013366Z (100% Harleysville)	Bodily injury and property damage liability and comprehensive collision, etc. on owned autos and trucks (8) \$500 deductible Comp./\$500 deductible Collision (3) \$2,500 deductible Comp./\$2,500 deductible Collision	\$	1,000,000	\$	28,974	us
PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYMENT	PRACTICES LIABILITY					
06-112-71-86 (100% AIG)	Professional Services as Public Officials of Int'l Bridge, SMRBC and MDOT \$25,000 deductible per claim / Each Employment Practices Violation Defense costs over and above the limits of insurance	\$	1,000,000	\$	15,588	us
Terrorism Policy						
CMCTR1702133 (100% London/Lloyds	Full coverage in the event of an act of terrorism Property Damange (100%) USD 148,040,032 Business Interruption (100%) USD 15,875,904 (24 months) Total Insurabel Value (100%) USD 163,915,936	•	163,915,936.00		14,098.13	cdn

