

**BURLINGTON COUNTY
BRIDGE COMMISSION**

REPORT OF AUDIT

**WITH
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 and 2023**

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BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
ROSTER OF OFFICIALS
As of September 30, 2024

MEMBERS

Sandra Nunes

Jaclyn Veasy

Latham Tiver

POSITION

Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson

Commissioner

OTHER OFFICIALS

Joseph Andl

Christine J. Nociti

Kathleen M. Wiseman

Executive Director

Treasurer

Secretary

PROFESSIONALS

Pennonni Associates Inc.

Anthony T. Drollas, Jr.
of Malamut & Associates, LLC

Consulting Engineer

Solicitor

**BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE
COMMISSION**

PART I

FINANCIAL SECTION

**FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Chairperson and Members of
The Burlington County Bridge Commission
Palmyra, New Jersey

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Burlington County Bridge Commission, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, a component unit of the County of Burlington ("Commission"), as of and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities of the Burlington County Bridge Commission, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, a component unit of the County of Burlington, as of September 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows thereof for the fiscal years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and audit requirements as prescribed by the Bureau of Authority Regulation, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Burlington County Bridge Commission, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, a component unit of the County of Burlington, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

Adoption of New Accounting Principles

As discussed in note 1 to the financial statements, during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the Authority adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Emphasis of Matter (Cont'd)***Prior Period Restatement***

Because of the implementation of GASB Statement No. 101, the accompanying financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023 have been restated, as discussed in note 10 to the financial statements. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Commission's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Commission's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Commission's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary schedules as listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) is also presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 5, 2025, on our consideration of the Commission'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 solely 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 effectiveness of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,



BOWMAN & COMPANY LLP
Certified Public Accountants
& Consultants

Voorhees, New Jersey
September 5, 2025

**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE
AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Chairperson and Members of
The Burlington County Bridge Commission
Palmyra, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and audit requirements as prescribed by the Bureau of Authority Regulation, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Burlington County Bridge Commission, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, a component unit of the County of Burlington (Commission), as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 5, 2025. Our report on the financial statements included an emphasis of matter paragraph describing the restatement of the prior period financial statements resulting from the adoption of a new accounting principle.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Commission's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission'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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Commission's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and the audit requirements as prescribed by the Bureau of Authority Regulation, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and audit requirements as prescribed by the Bureau of Authority Regulation, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, and federal awarding agencies, in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



BOWMAN & COMPANY LLP
Certified Public Accountants
& Consultants

Voorhees, New Jersey
September 5, 2025

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)

This Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") by the Burlington County Bridge Commission (the "Commission") provides an introduction to the financial statements of the Commission for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023. The financial section of the annual audit report consists of four sections: the MD&A, the basic financial statements together with the notes thereto, required supplementary information and supplementary schedules. The intent of the discussion and analysis is to look at the Commission's financial performance and review the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance the understanding of the Commission's financial position.

The Commission's financial statements are prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which are promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. As the Commission follows the accrual method of accounting, the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the comparative statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position regardless of when cash is received or paid. Net position - the difference between the Commission's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources - is a measure of the Commission's financial health. Accordingly, the Commission is structured as a single enterprise fund with revenues recognized when earned and expenses recognized when incurred. Capital assets, which meet certain criteria, are capitalized and depreciated or amortized over their useful lives (with the exception of land and construction in progress). A summary of the Commission's significant accounting policies is described in the "Notes to the Financial Statements," which is included with the audit as described above.

The comparative statements of net position (Exhibit A) include all of the Commission's assets, liabilities, net position and deferred inflows and deferred outflows of resources. The comparative statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position (Exhibit B) provide a breakdown of the various areas of revenues and expenses encountered during the fiscal year. The comparative statements of cash flows (Exhibit C) provide a breakdown of the various sources of cash flow, categorized into three areas: Cash flows from operating activities, capital and related financing activities and investing activities.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the Commission's financial position was impacted by Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions. This entire liability ("OPEB" liability) is recorded on the Commission's balance sheet. The OPEB liability is based on an actuarial estimate and the actual payments may vary as they will be paid over the employee's lifetime after retirement. As of September 30, 2023, the unfunded liability was \$40,080,236, which decreased to \$34,282,473 as of September 30, 2024. The change is substantially attributable to a decrease in the demographic gains. The notes to the financial statements provide a more thorough discussion of the OPEB Liability and the effects to the financial statements.
- The Commission continued to record net pension liability as calculated by the State of New Jersey and related expenses in accordance with GASB Statement No. 68 and GASB Statement No. 71. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the Commission recorded a liability of \$10,869,664, a decrease of \$1,737,922 from September 30, 2023. Since this pension liability is expected to be paid out over decades, the Commission's management nets out these long-term liabilities for purposes of making certain budget and operating decisions.
- Management's position is that a current ratio approach, the comparison of current assets to current liabilities, yields the best data for purposes of evaluating the operations of the Commission. Current assets of \$130,508,841 compared to the current liabilities of \$13,969,171 represent a fiscally sound financial position, effective for meeting current operating requirements.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONT'D)
(UNAUDITED)

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (CONT'D):

- Operating expenses increased by \$1,667,740 from fiscal year 2023. This increase was primarily a result of increased repair costs and IT-related E-Z Pass costs in fiscal year 2024. Toll revenue increased by approximately \$200,000 from fiscal year 2023.
- The Commission continues to dedicate resources in a joint effort with the County to provide support, which will conserve taxpayer dollars through shared services. The Commission attributes the global success of its ability to stabilize costs to the continued pursuit of efficiencies offered through technology and the strength of the Commission's leadership and management's efforts.
- Total assets at the end of fiscal year 2024 were just over \$257.27 million. After adding deferred outflows of resources of \$7.15 million and deducting liabilities and deferred inflows of resources totaling just over \$123.30 million, net position came to \$141.12 million.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION:

The largest portion of the Commission's net position (54.86% as of September 30, 2024) is represented by its investment in capital assets (e.g. bridges and equipment), less the related debt outstanding used to acquire those capital assets. The Commission remains devoted to providing the best possible facilities to its customers and visitors. The Commission's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt; the resources required to repay this debt were substantially provided from operations in recent years.

An additional portion of the Commission's net position (7.59% as of September 30, 2024) is restricted net position. This balance includes resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they can be used under bond resolutions and State regulations. The Commission will apply these restricted funds as appropriate for Bond Resolution Covenants.

The remaining portion of the Commission's net position (37.55% as of September 30, 2024) is unrestricted net position.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION AS OF SEPTEMBER 30,

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u> (Restated)	<u>2022</u> (Restated)	<u>Change from FY 2023 to FY 2024</u>	
				<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
ASSETS:					
UNRESTRICTED ASSETS	\$ 111,245,361.19	\$ 93,614,221.92	\$77,426,805.83	\$ 17,631,139.27	18.83%
RESTRICTED ASSETS	19,263,480.12	21,077,680.04	20,301,129.07	(1,814,199.92)	-8.61%
CAPITAL ASSETS (NET OF DEPRECIATION)	126,768,886.59	129,795,419.41	132,580,714.31	(3,026,532.82)	-2.33%
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>257,277,727.90</u>	<u>244,487,321.37</u>	<u>\$230,308,649.21</u>	<u>12,790,406.53</u>	<u>5.23%</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>7,154,279.00</u>	<u>7,520,572.00</u>	<u>9,624,293.00</u>	<u>(366,293.00)</u>	<u>-4.87%</u>
LIABILITIES:					
CURRENT LIABILITIES	13,969,171.06	27,459,224.27	19,777,187.53	(13,490,053.21)	-49.13%
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	91,330,605.28	104,536,799.65	111,244,557.33	(13,206,194.37)	-12.63%
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>105,299,776.34</u>	<u>131,996,023.92</u>	<u>131,021,744.86</u>	<u>(26,696,247.58)</u>	<u>-20.23%</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>18,003,881.00</u>	<u>11,448,306.00</u>	<u>13,333,594.00</u>	<u>6,555,575.00</u>	<u>57.26%</u>
NET POSITION:					
NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS	77,427,337.39	76,084,575.26	75,810,064.13	1,342,762.13	1.76%
RESTRICTED	10,712,963.70	10,982,663.70	11,395,371.70	(269,700.00)	-2.46%
UNRESTRICTED	<u>52,988,048.47</u>	<u>21,496,324.49</u>	<u>8,372,167.52</u>	<u>31,491,723.98</u>	<u>-146.50%</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 141,128,349.56</u>	<u>\$ 108,563,563.45</u>	<u>\$ 95,577,603.35</u>	<u>\$ 32,564,786.11</u>	<u>30.00%</u>

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONT'D)
(UNAUDITED)

CHANGES IN NET POSITION:

The total net position increased by \$32.56 million in fiscal year 2024. The Commission is committed to preserving its assets through the maintenance of the bridges, which is funded through the issuance of debt, operating expense and use of unrestricted net position. Bridge safety is similarly a priority of the Commissioners. Management adheres to a long-term plan dedicated to maintaining the Commission's revenue-generating assets in excellent condition and at the same time maintaining a commitment to opportunities made possible with improved technology. Because improvements and large-scale repairs require longer periods of time to design and implement, the associated costs may not be spread equally from year-to-year as projects develop from the design to the construction phase. Completed Projects (Net of Accumulated Depreciation) and Improvements in Progress fall similarly in management's planned, optimal range.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u> (Restated)	<u>2022</u>	Change from FY 2023 to FY 2024	
				<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
OPERATING REVENUES:					
TOLL REVENUE	\$ 46,099,719.04	\$ 45,904,433.83	\$ 46,497,781.92	\$ 195,285.21	0.43%
OTHER REVENUE	4,229,653.59	3,574,937.00	2,098,191.15	654,716.59	18.31%
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	50,329,372.63	49,479,370.83	48,595,973.07	850,001.80	1.72%
OPERATING EXPENSES:					
ADMINISTRATIVE	3,250,049.01	3,105,788.75	2,872,154.69	144,260.26	4.64%
COST OF PROVIDING SERVICE	23,724,939.68	22,741,524.92	19,152,672.14	983,414.76	4.32%
MAJOR REPAIRS	5,517,985.60	4,792,201.27	1,935,570.43	725,784.33	15.15%
DEPRECIATION	6,984,106.96	7,169,826.32	7,209,347.51	(185,719.36)	-2.59%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	39,477,081.25	37,809,341.26	31,169,744.77	1,667,739.99	4.41%
OPERATING INCOME	10,852,291.38	11,670,029.57	17,426,228.30	(817,738.19)	-7.01%
NON-OPERATING REVENUES AND (EXPENSES):					
INVESTMENT INCOME	4,492,771.42	2,842,898.59	383,137.80	1,649,872.83	58.03%
INTEREST EXPENSE	(1,419,597.83)	(1,526,968.06)	(1,635,755.20)	107,370.23	7.03%
GRANTS REALIZED	20,551,035.12			20,551,035.12	100.00%
COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	(1,950,000.00)			(1,950,000.00)	100.00%
NET OTHER ITEMS AND TRANSFERS	38,286.02		121,932.89	38,286.02	100.00%
TOTAL NON-OPERATING ITEMS	21,712,494.73	1,315,930.53	(1,130,684.51)	20,396,564.20	-1549.97%
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	32,564,786.11	12,985,960.10	16,295,543.79	19,578,826.01	150.77%
NET POSITION - BEGINNING, AS ORIGINALLY STATED	108,563,563.45	95,577,603.35	80,091,970.26	12,985,960.10	13.59%
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT			(809,910.70)	-	0.00%
NET POSITION - BEGINNING, AS RESTATED	108,563,563.45	95,577,603.35	79,282,059.56	12,985,960.10	13.59%
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	32,564,786.11	12,985,960.10	16,295,543.79	19,578,826.01	150.77%
NET POSITION - ENDING	\$ 141,128,349.56	\$ 108,563,563.45	\$ 95,577,603.35	\$ 32,564,786.11	30.00%

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONT'D) **(UNAUDITED)**

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS:

The Commission must adopt an annual budget in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:31-2. The budget is adopted on the accrual basis of accounting with cash provisions for bond principal. Significant variances between the original adopted budget and actual budget amounts fall within the two categories of favorable and unfavorable.

The Commission overall experienced modest favorable and unfavorable variances in budgetary expenses with an overall favorable variance. Toll revenues had a favorable variance of \$27,326,835 as a result of conservative budgeting, grant utilization and to use revenues to fund future capital projects. There were no expenditure areas that suffered any unreasonable fluctuations when comparing budgeted and actual expenditures. Overall, the fiscal year concluded with an excess of revenues over appropriations of \$42.20 million dollars.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION:

The Commission continues to pay down two series of Revenue Bonds: (1) \$46,290,000 Series 2013 Bonds having interest rates ranging from 2.50% to 5.00% with principal payments until October 2030; and (2) \$44,730,000 Series 2017 Bonds with interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00%. In each case, the Revenue Bonds were issued to provide funds for the costs of various capital improvements to the Commission's Bridge System, fund the Debt Service Reserve Fund, and pay issuance costs.

During fiscal year 2024, the Commission made payments of \$4.78 million in principal and \$2.27 million in interest to meet the required payments of the Series 2013 and 2017 Revenue Bonds.

CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES:

As set forth above, the Commission invests a consistent percentage of financial resources during the fiscal year toward capital improvements and construction activities. These capital improvement expenditures during the fiscal year include project costs, as well as design and engineering expenses.

FACTORS BEARING ON THE COMMISSION'S FUTURE FINANCIAL POSITION:

Toll Revenue is generally subject to local economic conditions and vehicle fares for alternate routes. The Commission's Tacony-Palmyra Bridge continues to enjoy a competitive price advantage for automobile traffic when compared to the nearest alternate route. Alternate routes for the Burlington-Bristol Bridge are less convenient to travelers. Daily weather conditions and impediments to approach roadway access are generally short-term in duration and have little impact on annual revenue.

COMPONENT UNITS:

It has been determined by the Commission that the Friends of the Palmyra Nature Cove, Inc. is considered a component unit. The Commission has determined that the entity is not fiscally significant and, therefore, has not been included in the basic financial statements. Requests for financial information should be addressed to Friends of the Palmyra Nature Cove, Inc. 1300 Route 73 North, P.O. Box 6, Palmyra, New Jersey 08065.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

This financial report is designed to provide the Commission's customers, investors and other interested parties with an overview of the Commission's financial operations and financial condition. Should the reader have questions regarding the information included in this report or wish to request additional financial information, please contact the Commission's Chief Financial Officer/Compliance Officer/Treasurer: Christine J. Nociti, J.D., C.P.A. at 1300 Route 73 North, P.O. Box 6, Palmyra, New Jersey 08065-1090.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION

Comparative Statements of Net Position
As of September 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u> (Restated)
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Unrestricted Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 106,797,486.28	\$ 89,056,116.70
E-ZPass Receivable	2,739,730.00	3,029,849.00
Accrued Interest Receivable	1,766.94	1,691.12
Other Accounts Receivable	369,809.45	362,330.91
Prepaid Expenses	1,336,568.52	1,164,234.19
Total Unrestricted Assets	<u>111,245,361.19</u>	<u>93,614,221.92</u>
Restricted Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	19,193,333.37	20,997,358.91
Accrued Interest Receivable	70,146.75	80,321.13
Total Restricted Assets	<u>19,263,480.12</u>	<u>21,077,680.04</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>130,508,841.31</u>	<u>114,691,901.96</u>
Noncurrent Assets:		
Capital Assets		
Completed (Net of Depreciation and Amortization)	119,428,901.21	116,105,408.12
Improvements in Progress	7,339,985.38	13,690,011.29
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>126,768,886.59</u>	<u>129,795,419.41</u>
Total Assets	<u>257,277,727.90</u>	<u>244,487,321.37</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Related to Pensions	669,059.00	716,624.00
Related to Other Postemployment Benefits	6,485,220.00	6,803,948.00
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>7,154,279.00</u>	<u>7,520,572.00</u>

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BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION

Comparative Statements of Net Position
As of September 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u> (Restated)
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities Payable from Unrestricted Assets:		
Accounts Payable		
Other	\$ 3,657,697.83	\$ 3,828,036.16
Related to Pensions	1,088,499.00	1,163,349.00
Accrued Liabilities - Related to Early Retirement Incentive Programs - Current Portion	10,543.00	20,663.00
Accrued Wages	297,571.38	405,483.65
Escrow and Retained Funds	106,814.24	106,872.78
Unearned Revenue	2,116,464.02	15,610,665.02
Compensated Absences Payable - Current Portion	214,162.87	189,236.50
Total Current Liabilities Payable from Unrestricted Assets	<u>7,491,752.34</u>	<u>21,324,306.11</u>
Current Liabilities Payable from Restricted Assets:		
Accounts Payable	782,639.75	23,356.01
Lease Liability - Current Portion	134,910.22	137,193.40
Accrued Interest Payable on Bonds	1,074,868.75	1,194,368.75
Bridge System Revenue Bonds Payable - Current Portion	4,485,000.00	4,780,000.00
Total Current Liabilities Payable from Restricted Assets	<u>6,477,418.72</u>	<u>6,134,918.16</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>13,969,171.06</u>	<u>27,459,224.27</u>
Long-Term Liabilities Payable:		
Compensated Absences Payable	1,927,465.79	2,077,627.71
Net OPEB Liability	34,282,472.50	40,080,235.86
Accrued Liabilities:		
Related to Early Retirement Incentive Programs	144,745.00	266,949.00
Related to Pensions	272,125.00	290,837.00
Net Pension Liability	10,869,664.00	12,607,586.00
Lease Liability	249,190.34	403,756.12
Bridge System Revenue Bonds Payable	43,584,942.65	48,809,807.96
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>91,330,605.28</u>	<u>104,536,799.65</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>105,299,776.34</u>	<u>131,996,023.92</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Related to Pensions	2,995,053.00	3,125,253.00
Related to Other Postemployment Benefits	15,008,828.00	8,323,053.00
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>18,003,881.00</u>	<u>11,448,306.00</u>
NET POSITION		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	77,427,337.39	76,084,575.26
Restricted - Bond Resolution Covenants	10,712,963.70	10,982,663.70
Unrestricted	52,988,048.47	21,496,324.49
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 141,128,349.56</u>	<u>\$ 108,563,563.45</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Comparative Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u> (Restated)
Operating Revenues:		
Tolls	\$ 46,099,719.04	\$ 45,904,433.83
Violations	1,723,599.62	1,277,994.05
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>2,506,053.97</u>	<u>2,296,942.95</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>50,329,372.63</u>	<u>49,479,370.83</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Administration:		
Salaries and Wages	2,192,038.85	1,910,876.69
Employee Benefits	731,658.06	784,134.05
Other Expenses	326,352.10	410,778.01
Cost of Providing Service:		
Salaries and Wages	4,624,169.35	7,017,249.82
Employee Benefits	2,850,536.21	3,609,440.78
Other Expenses	16,250,234.12	12,114,834.32
Major Repairs Expense	5,517,985.60	4,792,201.27
Depreciation and Amortization	<u>6,984,106.96</u>	<u>7,169,826.32</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>39,477,081.25</u>	<u>37,809,341.26</u>
Operating Income	10,852,291.38	11,670,029.57
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):		
Investment Income	4,492,771.42	2,842,898.59
Interest Expense on Leases	(9,725.64)	(6,684.99)
Interest on Bonds	(1,409,872.19)	(1,520,283.07)
American Rescue Plan	20,551,035.12	
Contribution to Burlington County Per N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-1	(1,950,000.00)	
Gain on Disposal of Capital Assets	<u>38,286.02</u>	
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>21,712,494.73</u>	<u>1,315,930.53</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>32,564,786.11</u>	<u>12,985,960.10</u>
Net Position - Beginning, as originally stated	108,563,563.45	96,387,514.05
Prior Period Adjustment (Note 10)	<u>-</u>	<u>(809,910.70)</u>
Net Position - Beginning, as restated	108,563,563.45	95,577,603.35
Change in Net Position	<u>32,564,786.11</u>	<u>12,985,960.10</u>
Net Position - Ending	<u><u>\$ 141,128,349.56</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 108,563,563.45</u></u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Comparative Statements of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u> (Restated)
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Receipts from Customers and Users	\$ 48,105,959.12	\$ 47,218,258.88
Payments to Suppliers	(16,992,160.88)	(11,263,842.84)
Payments to Employees and Agencies	(11,396,403.65)	(14,381,920.71)
Provision for Major Repairs	(5,517,985.60)	(4,792,201.27)
Other Operating Receipts	<u>2,506,053.97</u>	<u>2,215,556.53</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>16,705,462.96</u>	<u>18,995,850.59</u>
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:		
Acquisition of Capital Assets	(3,236,859.63)	(4,111,128.87)
Bond and Lease Principal	(4,912,281.27)	(5,291,396.54)
Interest on Bonds and Leases	(2,278,963.14)	(2,523,672.49)
Cash Received for Sale of Disposed Assets	<u>50,281.02</u>	<u></u>
Net Cash Used in Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(10,377,823.02)</u>	<u>(11,926,197.90)</u>
Cash Flows from Non-Capital Financing Activities:		
Contribution to Burlington County Per N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-1	(1,950,000.00)	
State Sources	(3,938.88)	1,842.93
Federal Sources	<u>7,060,773.00</u>	<u>6,860,564.96</u>
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities:	<u>5,106,834.12</u>	<u>6,862,407.89</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Investment Income Receipts	<u>4,502,869.98</u>	<u>2,794,992.37</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>4,502,869.98</u>	<u>2,794,992.37</u>
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	15,937,344.04	16,727,052.95
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Fiscal Year	<u>110,053,475.61</u>	<u>93,326,422.66</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Fiscal Year	<u>\$ 125,990,819.65</u>	<u>\$ 110,053,475.61</u>

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BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Comparative Statements of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u> (Restated)
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Operating Income	\$ 10,852,291.38	\$ 11,670,029.57
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	6,984,106.96	7,169,826.32
Change in Assets and Liabilities:		
E-ZPass Receivable	290,119.00	35,831.00
Other Accounts Receivable	(7,478.54)	(81,386.42)
Prepaid Expenses	(172,334.33)	(143,452.47)
Accounts Payable	(243,240.33)	1,405,221.96
Accrued Wages	(107,912.27)	
Pension Related Items	(1,839,269.00)	(2,122,528.00)
OPEB Related Items	1,206,739.64	1,435,565.97
Compensated Absences Payable	(125,235.55)	(353,147.34)
Early Retirement Incentive Program	(132,324.00)	(20,110.00)
Total Adjustments	<u>5,853,171.58</u>	<u>7,325,821.02</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 16,705,462.96</u>	<u>\$ 18,995,850.59</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Burlington County Bridge Commission (the "Commission") have been prepared to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of the more significant of these policies.

Reporting Entity

The Commission is a component unit of the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey. The Commission was created by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Burlington on October 22, 1948, under the laws of the State of New Jersey. The Commission operates and maintains the Tacony-Palmyra and Burlington-Bristol Bridges that span the Delaware River along with several other non-toll-producing bridges. The Commission was granted the power to act as an Improvement Commission during 2002 in order to provide within the County, public facilities for use by the State, the County or any municipality in the County and to acquire real estate within the County by lease or purchase and to construct, reconstruct and rehabilitate improvements thereon. The Commission consists of three Commissioners, who are appointed by resolution by the Burlington County Board of Chosen County Commissioners for three-year terms. The daily operations are managed by the Executive Director.

Component Unit

In evaluating how to define the Commission for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include any potential component units in the financial reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are in-substance part of the government's operations. Each discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the government.

The basic-but not the only-criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the government and/or its citizens.

A third criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the government is able to exercise oversight responsibilities. Finally, the nature and significance of a potential component unit to the primary government could warrant its inclusion within the reporting entity.

Based upon the application of these criteria, the Commission is a component unit of the County of Burlington, and it has been determined by the Commission that the following organization is considered a component unit. The Commission has determined that it is not significant and, therefore, has not been included in the basic financial statements:

Palmyra Cove Environmental Education Foundation
1300 Route 73 North,
PO Box 6
Palmyra, New Jersey 08065

Complete financial statements of the individual components can be obtained from their administrative offices.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**Basis of Presentation**

The financial statements of the Commission have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to enterprise funds of State and Local Governments on a going concern basis. The focus of enterprise funds is the measurement of economic resources, that is, the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), financial position and cash flows. GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The Commission is a single-enterprise fund and maintains its records on the accrual basis of accounting. Enterprise funds account for activities (i) that are financed with debt that is secured solely by a pledge of the net revenues from fees and charges of the activity; or (ii) that are required by law or regulations that the activity's cost of providing services, including capital cost (such as depreciation or debt service), be recovered with fees and charges, rather than with taxes or similar revenues; or (iii) that the pricing policies of the activity establish fees and charges designed to recover its costs, including capital costs (such as depreciation or debt service). Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the related liability is incurred.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Enterprise funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting.

Revenues -- Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions - Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. Bridge toll charges are recognized as revenue when services are provided.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Commission receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, contributed capital, and donations. Revenue from grants, contributed capital, and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the fiscal year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the Commission must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Commission on a reimbursement basis.

Expenses - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Commission must adopt an annual budget in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:31-2. N.J.A.C. 5:31-2 requires the governing body to introduce the annual Commission budget at least 60 days prior to the end of the current fiscal year and to adopt not later than the beginning of the Commission's fiscal year. The governing body may amend the budget at any point during the fiscal year. The budget is adopted on the accrual basis of accounting with provisions for cash payments for bond principal. Depreciation and amortization expenses and bond premiums are not included in the budget appropriations.

The legal level of budgetary control is established at the same level of detail shown on the Comparative Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. All budget transfers and amendments to those accounts must be approved by resolution of the Commission as required by the Local Finance Board. Management may transfer among supplementary line items as long as the legal level line items are not affected. There are no statutory requirements that budgetary line items not be over-expended. The Commission did not adopt an amending budget resolution during the fiscal year.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**Budgets and Budgetary Accounting (Cont'd)**

The Commission records encumbrances. An encumbrance represents a commitment related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. The issuance of a purchase order or the signing of a contract would create an encumbrance. The encumbrance does not represent an expenditure for the period, only a commitment to expend resources. At fiscal year-end, the accounting records are adjusted to record only expenses in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include petty cash, change funds and cash in banks and all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase and are stated at cost plus accrued interest. Such is the definition of cash and cash equivalents used in the statement of cash flows. U.S. treasury and agency obligations and certificates of deposit with maturities of one year or less when purchased are stated at cost.

New Jersey governmental units are required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 to deposit public funds in a bank or trust company having its place of business in the State of New Jersey and organized under the laws of the United States of America or of the State of New Jersey or in the New Jersey Cash Management Fund. N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 provides a list of investments, which may be purchased by New Jersey Governmental units. These permissible investments generally include bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America, government money market mutual funds, any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, bonds or other obligations of the local unit or bonds or other obligations of the school district of which the local unit is a part or within which the school district is located, bonds or other obligations approved by the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs for investment by local units, local government investment pools, deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, and agreements for the purchase of fully collateralized securities with certain provisions. In addition, other State statutes permit investments in obligations issued by local authorities and other state agencies.

N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et seq. establishes the requirements for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that no governmental unit shall deposit public funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"), a multiple financial institutional collateral pool, which was enacted in 1970 to protect governmental units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. Public depositories include State or federally chartered banks, savings banks or associations located in or having a branch office in the State of New Jersey, the deposits of which are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of governmental units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the amount of their deposits to the governmental units.

Additionally, the Commission has adopted a cash management plan, which requires it to deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the GUDPA. In lieu of designating a depository, the cash management plan may provide that the local unit make deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

Prepaid Expenses

Prepaid expenses recorded on the financial statements represent payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond the applicable fiscal year-end.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**Lease Receivable**

Lease receivables recorded on the statements of net position represents a contract that conveys control of the right to use the Commission's (lessor) nonfinancial asset. At the commencement of the lease term, the lessor recognizes a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources. The lease receivable is measured at the present value of lease payments expected to be received during the lease term. The Commission was not a lessor during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

Capital Assets

Capital assets primarily consist of expenditures to acquire, construct, place in operation and improve the facilities of the Commission. Assets purchased prior to June 30, 1993 are stated at estimated cost. Assets purchased since are stated at actual cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition value at the time received.

Expenditures, which enhance the asset or significantly extend the useful life of the asset are considered improvements and are added to the capital asset's currently capitalized cost. The cost of normal repairs and maintenance are not capitalized. Costs incurred during construction of an asset are recorded as construction in progress. In the fiscal year that the project is completed, these costs are transferred to Capital Assets - Completed. Interest costs incurred during construction are not capitalized into the cost of the asset.

Lease assets are measured on the statements of net position at the amount of the initial measurement of the related lease liability, plus any payments made to the lessor at or before the commencement of the lease term and certain direct costs.

Subscription assets are measured on the statements of net position at the amount of the initial measurement of the related subscription liability, plus any payments associated with the arrangement made to the vendor at the commencement of the subscription term and capitalizable initial implementation costs.

Expenditures are capitalized when they meet the following requirements:

- 1) Cost of \$25,000.00 or more
- 2) Cost of \$5,000.00 or more if purchased with Federal or State grants
- 3) Vehicles with a cost of \$15,000.00 or more
- 4) Useful life of more than five years
- 5) Asset is not affected by consumption

Amortization and Depreciation

Amortization on lease and subscription assets and depreciation on other capital assets are computed using the straight-line method over the shorter of the lease term or the following useful lives:

	<u>Years</u>
Bridges, Approaches and Improvements	40-100
Buildings and Improvements	10-40
Equipment	5-25
Mobile Equipment	5-15

Depreciation and amortization are calculated from the month of acquisition.

Bond Premiums

Bond premiums arising from the issuance of long-term debt are amortized over the life of the bonds, in a systematic and rational method from the issue date to maturity as a component of interest expense. Bond premiums are presented as an adjustment of the face amount on the bonds.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources**

The comparative statements of net position reports separate sections for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, reported after total assets, represents a reduction of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) at that time. Deferred inflows of resources, reported after total liabilities, represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) at that time.

Transactions are classified as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources only when specifically prescribed by the GASB standards. The Commission is required to report the following as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources: defined benefit pension plans and postemployment benefit plans.

Compensated Absences

Compensated absences are those absences for which employees will be paid, such as paid time off (PTO), sick leave, vacation leave, compensatory time, and certain types of sabbatical leave. A liability for compensated absences that are attributable to services already rendered, and that are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the Commission and its employees, is accrued as the employees earn the rights to the benefits. Compensated absences that relate to future services, or that are contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the Commission and its employees, are accounted for in the period in which such services are rendered or in which such events take place.

Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Unearned revenue is recorded as a liability until the revenue is measurable and the Commission is eligible to realize the assets as revenue.

Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension (benefit) expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS") and additions to/deductions from PERS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plans. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Net Position

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34 ("Statement 34") of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board *"Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments"*, the Commission has classified its net position into three components – net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

Net Investment in Capital Assets - This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation or amortization of intangible capital assets, reduced, by the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**Net Position (Cont'd)**

Net Investment in Capital Assets (Cont'd) - If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds or deferred inflows of resources at fiscal year-end, the portion of the debt attributable to the unspent proceeds is not included in the calculation of net investment in capital assets. Instead, that portion of the debt or deferred inflows of resources should be included in the same net position component as the unspent amount.

Restricted - Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Commission or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

Unrestricted - This component of net position consists of net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets." This component includes net position that may be allocated for specific purposes by the Commission's Board.

Income Taxes

The Commission operates as defined by the Internal Revenue Code Section 115 and appropriately is exempt from income taxes under Section 115.

Operating and Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues include all revenues derived from facility charges (i.e., toll revenues, which include E-Z Pass revenues) and other revenue sources. Non-operating revenues principally consist of interest income earned on various interest-bearing accounts, grants and gain on the disposal of capital assets.

Operating expenses include expenses associated with the operation, maintenance and repair of the bridges and general administrative expenses. Non-operating expenses principally include expenses attributable to the Commission's interest on funded debt and a contribution to the County.

Accounting Estimates

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

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Policies (Cont'd)****Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Pronouncements (Cont'd)**

Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The adoption of this Statement was considered in the writing of Note 10.

Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures.

Because of the implementation of GASB Statement No. 101, the Commission has adjusted compensated absences to be reported and disclosed in accordance with the Statement (notes 4 and 10).

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

The GASB has issued the following Statements, which will become effective in future fiscal years as indicated below:

Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*. The objective of this Statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about risks related to a government's vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints. This Statement requires a government to assess whether a concentration or constraint makes the primary government reporting unit or other reporting units that report a liability for revenue debt vulnerable to the risk of a substantial impact. Additionally, this Statement requires a government to assess whether an event or events associated with a concentration or constraint that could cause the substantial impact have occurred, have begun to occur, or are more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the date the financial statements are issued. The Statement will become effective for the Commission in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. Management is currently evaluating the impact this Statement will have on the basic financial statements of the Commission.

Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*. The objective of this Statement is to improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability. This Statement also addresses certain application issues. That objective is achieved by improving the quality of the analysis of changes from the prior year, which will enhance the relevance of that information. They also will provide clarity regarding what information should be presented in MD&A. The Statement will become effective for the Commission in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026. Management is currently evaluating the impact this Statement will have on the basic financial statements of the Commission.

Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*. The objective of this Statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about certain types of capital assets. This Statement also requires additional disclosures for capital assets held for sale. That objective is achieved by improving financial reporting by providing users of financial statements with essential information about certain types of capital assets in order to make informed decisions and assess accountability. Additionally, the disclosure requirements will improve consistency and comparability between governments. The Statement will become effective for the Commission in the year ending September 30, 2026. Management is currently evaluating the impact this Statement will have on the basic financial statements of the Commission.

Note 2: STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**Compliance with Finance Related Legal and Contractual Provisions**

Management of the Commission is unaware of any material violations of finance-related legal and contractual provisions.

General Bond Resolution

The Commission is subject to the provisions and restrictions of a Bond Resolution adopted April 27, 1993. A summary of the activities of each account created by the Bond Resolution is covered below.

Revenue Account - All money collected by the Commission for bridge tolls or from any other source for operating, maintaining or repairing the system is deposited in this account. All revenues of the Commission are deposited into this account and are transferred in turn to the appropriate trust account on or before the 20th day of each month.

Operating Account - The balance on deposit must be equal to at least 10% of the annual budgeted appropriations for operating expenses, not including principal payments on debt. At September 30, 2024, the balance in the operating account meets the requirements of the Bond Resolution.

Debt Service Account - The amount on deposit in this account must equal at least the accrued interest payable on the Bridge System Revenue bonds plus that portion of the principal installment, which would have accrued if principal accrued in the same manner as interest. At September 30, 2024, the balance meets the requirements of the Bond Resolution.

Debt Reserve Account - The amount of funds on deposit must be maintained at a level equal to the Maximum Debt Service to ensure funds are available for payment of Debt Service. At September 30, 2024, the balance meets the requirements of the Bond Resolution.

Reserve Maintenance Account - The amount on deposit in this account must be equal to the greater of \$500,000.00 or a larger amount if certified as necessary by the Consulting Engineer. Amounts in this account may be applied to the cost of major or extraordinary repairs, renewals and replacements of the Bridge System and major acquisitions of equipment. At September 30, 2024, the balance meets the requirements of the Bond Resolution.

General Reserve Account - All excess funds of the Commission are recorded in the General Reserve Account. If the Commission is not in default in the payment of bond principal or interest and all fund requirements are satisfied and there is no money owing to the County under the Security Agreement (See Note 4), then the Commission may use the excess funds for any lawful purpose.

Note 2: STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (CONT'D)**Debt Service Coverage**

The Commission's Bond Resolution requires that net revenues equal at least 105% of debt service. Compliance with this covenant is calculated as follows:

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u> (Restated)
Net Revenue:			
Operating Income (Exhibit B)	\$ 10,852,291.38		\$ 11,670,029.57
Add:			
Depreciation & Amortization	6,984,106.96		7,169,826.32
Major Repairs	5,517,985.60		4,792,201.27
Interest Revenue	4,492,771.42		2,842,898.59
	<u>\$ 27,847,155.36</u>		<u>\$ 26,474,955.75</u>
Debt Service			
Interest Charges	\$ 2,149,737.50		\$ 2,388,737.50
Bond Principal (Due Oct. 1)	4,485,000.00		4,780,000.00
	<u>\$ 6,634,737.50</u>		<u>\$ 7,168,737.50</u>
Net Revenue	\$ 27,847,155.36	= 420%	\$ 26,474,955.75
Debt Service	\$ 6,634,737.50		\$ 7,168,737.50
			= 369%

Note 3: DETAIL NOTES - ASSETS**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Custodial Credit Risk Related to Deposits - Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Commission's deposits might not be recovered. Although the Commission does not have a formal policy regarding custodial credit risk, N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et seq. requires that governmental units shall deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"). Under the Act, the first \$250,000.00 of governmental deposits in each insured depository is protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). Public funds owned by the Commission in excess of FDIC insured amounts are protected by GUDPA. However, GUDPA does not protect intermingled trust funds such as salary withholdings or funds that may pass to the Commission relative to the happening of a future condition. If the Commission had any such funds, they would be shown as Uninsured and Uncollateralized in the schedule below.

As of September 30, 2024 and 2023, the Commission's bank balances were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Insured by FDIC	\$ 340,244.90	\$ 500,000.00
Insured by GUDPA	106,968,398.13	88,425,674.80
Uninsured and Uncollateralized	19,935,375.20	21,612,171.61
	<u>\$ 127,244,018.23</u>	<u>\$ 110,537,846.41</u>
Total		

Note 3: DETAIL NOTES – ASSETS (CONT'D)**Required Cash and Investment Balances**

Below are schedules of amounts required to be on deposit as of September 30, 2024 and 2023, as discussed in Note 2:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>Sept. 30, 2024</u>	<u>Required</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Excess</u>
Unrestricted:			
Revenue Account	\$ 4,799,971.11		\$ 4,799,971.11
Operating Account	61,207,166.00	\$ 3,690,351.20	57,516,814.80
General Reserve Account	40,790,349.17		40,790,349.17
	<u>106,797,486.28</u>	<u>3,690,351.20</u>	<u>103,107,135.08</u>
Restricted:			
Other	12,389.27		12,389.27
Construction Fund	1,344,780.60		1,344,780.60
Debt Service	6,619,332.44		6,619,332.44
Debt Service Reserve	10,716,826.74	6,522,612.50	4,194,214.24
Reserve Maintenance	500,004.32	500,000.00	4.32
	<u>19,193,333.37</u>	<u>7,022,612.50</u>	<u>12,170,720.87</u>
	<u>\$ 125,990,819.65</u>	<u>\$ 10,712,963.70</u>	<u>\$ 115,277,855.95</u>
	<u>Balance</u> <u>Sept. 30, 2023</u>	<u>Required</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Excess</u>
Unrestricted:			
Revenue Account	\$ 10,616,838.71		\$ 10,616,838.71
Operating Account	52,835,315.43	\$ 3,433,426.20	49,401,889.23
General Reserve Account	25,555,074.86		25,555,074.86
	<u>89,007,229.00</u>	<u>3,433,426.20</u>	<u>85,573,802.80</u>
Restricted:			
Other	48,887.70		48,887.70
Construction Fund	3,534,830.66		3,534,830.66
Debt Service	6,745,364.70		6,745,364.70
Debt Service Reserve	10,217,159.25	7,049,237.50	3,167,921.75
Reserve Maintenance	500,004.30	500,000.00	4.30
	<u>21,046,246.61</u>	<u>7,549,237.50</u>	<u>13,497,009.11</u>
	<u>\$ 110,053,475.61</u>	<u>\$ 10,982,663.70</u>	<u>\$ 99,070,811.91</u>

Note 3: DETAIL NOTES – ASSETS (CONT'D)**Capital Assets**

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the following changes in capital assets occurred:

	<u>Balance Oct. 1, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance Sept. 30, 2024</u>
Capital Assets not being Depreciated:					
Land	\$ 2,323,076.92				\$ 2,323,076.92
Improvements in Progress	13,690,011.29	\$ 3,652,438.14	\$ (10,002,464.05)		7,339,985.38
Total Capital Assets not being Depreciated	16,013,088.21	3,652,438.14	(10,002,464.05)	\$ -	9,663,062.30
Capital Assets being Depreciated:					
Bridges and Improvements	178,554,057.04		9,301,216.32		187,855,273.36
Buildings and Improvements	16,892,551.43				16,892,551.43
Equipment	22,099,368.33		701,247.73	64,220.00	22,736,396.06
Mobile Equipment	1,986,627.34	317,131.00		437,632.32	1,866,126.02
Total Capital Assets, being depreciated	219,532,604.14	317,131.00	10,002,464.05	501,852.32	229,350,346.87
Total Capital Assets, Cost	235,545,692.35	3,969,569.14			239,013,409.17
Less Accumulated Depreciation					
Bridges and Improvements	(76,048,574.23)	(5,870,360.29)			(81,918,934.52)
Buildings and Improvements	(8,941,819.54)	(459,305.40)			(9,401,124.94)
Equipment	(19,942,533.95)	(438,695.17)		(64,220.00)	(20,317,009.12)
Mobile Equipment	(1,354,653.83)	(80,448.50)		(425,637.32)	(1,009,465.01)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(106,287,581.55)	(6,848,809.36)	-	(489,857.32)	(112,646,533.59)
Total Capital Assets, being Depreciated, net Excluding Lease Assets	113,245,022.59	(6,531,678.36)	10,002,464.05	11,995.00	116,703,813.28
Total Capital Assets, net Excluding Lease Assets	129,258,110.80	(2,879,240.22)	-	11,995.00	126,366,875.58
Lease Assets:					
Motor Vehicles	702,346.06				702,346.06
Less Accumulated Amortization	(165,037.45)	(135,297.60)			(300,335.05)
Total Lease Assets, net	537,308.61	(135,297.60)	-	-	402,011.01
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 129,795,419.41	\$ (3,014,537.82)	\$ -	\$ 11,995.00	\$ 126,768,886.59

Note 3: DETAIL NOTES – ASSETS (CONT'D)**Capital Assets (Cont'd)**

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the following changes in capital assets occurred:

	<u>Balance Oct. 1, 2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance Sept. 30, 2023</u>
Capital Assets not being Depreciated:					
Land	\$ 2,323,076.92				\$ 2,323,076.92
Improvements in Progress	10,038,640.00	\$ 3,660,837.30	\$ (9,466.01)		13,690,011.29
Total Capital Assets not being Depreciated	12,361,716.92	3,660,837.30	(9,466.01)	\$ -	16,013,088.21
Capital Assets being Depreciated:					
Bridges and Improvements	178,544,591.03		9,466.01		178,554,057.04
Buildings and Improvements	16,892,551.43				16,892,551.43
Equipment	21,959,876.34		139,491.99		22,099,368.33
Mobile Equipment	2,104,771.27	21,348.06	(139,491.99)		1,986,627.34
Total Capital Assets, being depreciated	219,501,790.07	21,348.06	9,466.01	-	219,532,604.14
Total Capital Assets, Cost	231,863,506.99	3,682,185.36		-	235,545,692.35
Less Accumulated Depreciation					
Bridges and Improvements	(70,181,735.59)	(5,866,838.64)			(76,048,574.23)
Buildings and Improvements	(8,482,514.14)	(459,305.40)			(8,941,819.54)
Equipment	(19,256,890.47)	(685,643.48)			(19,942,533.95)
Mobile Equipment	(1,361,652.48)	6,998.65			(1,354,653.83)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(99,282,792.68)	(7,004,788.87)	-	-	(106,287,581.55)
Total Capital Assets, being Depreciated, net Excluding Lease Assets	120,218,997.39	(6,983,440.81)	9,466.01	-	113,245,022.59
Total Capital Assets, net Excluding Lease Assets	132,580,714.31	(3,322,603.51)	-	-	129,258,110.80
Lease Assets:					
Motor Vehicles		702,346.06			702,346.06
Less Accumulated Amortization		(165,037.45)			(165,037.45)
Total Lease Assets, net	-	537,308.61	-	-	537,308.61
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 132,580,714.31	\$ (2,785,294.90)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 129,795,419.41

Note 3: DETAIL NOTES – ASSETS (CONT'D)**Toll Revenues**

The following is a three-year comparison of toll revenues:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Cash Revenue</u>	<u>E-Z Pass Revenue</u>	<u>Total Revenue</u>
2024	\$ 14,553,806.04	\$ 31,545,913.00	\$ 46,099,719.04
2023	14,539,121.83	31,365,312.00	45,904,433.83
2022	15,042,384.92	31,455,397.00	46,497,781.92

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable at September 30, 2024 and 2023, consisted of administrative fees, toll revenues, payment for intergovernmental services, grants, interest, insurance dividends and other services. All receivables are considered collectible in full within the next year.

Accounts receivable as of fiscal year-end for the Commission are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance Sept. 30, 2024</u>	<u>Balance Sept. 30, 2023</u>
E-Zpass:		
Administrative Fees	\$ 132,141.42	\$ 188,696.60
Tolls	2,739,730.00	3,029,849.00
Violations	194,546.15	129,870.63
Grants	43,121.88	43,763.68
Interest	71,913.69	82,012.25
	<u>\$ 3,181,453.14</u>	<u>\$ 3,474,192.16</u>

Note 4: DETAIL NOTES - LIABILITIES**Unearned State and County Grants**

The Commission has received several grants from the State of New Jersey for the purchase of body armor, body worn cameras and DWI / Drunk Driving Enforcement. Additionally, the Commission also received a COVID-19 Loss Revenue grant from the County of Burlington. These grants are recorded as liabilities as unearned revenue until the Commission expends the funds to meet the eligibility requirement. Grants received for the purchase of capital assets are realized as contributions of capital.

Note 4: DETAIL NOTES – LIABILITIES (CONT'D)**Long-Term Liabilities**

During the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, the following changes occurred in long-term obligations:

	Balance Oct. 1, 2023	Additions	Reductions	Balance Sept. 30, 2024	(Memo) Due Within One Year
Bonds Payable:					
Revenue Bonds	\$ 50,230,000.00		\$ (4,780,000.00)	\$ 45,450,000.00	\$ 4,485,000.00
Issuance Premiums	3,359,807.96		(739,865.31)	2,619,942.65	
Total Bonds Payable	53,589,807.96	\$ -	(5,519,865.31)	48,069,942.65	4,485,000.00
Other Liabilities					
Net Pension Liability	12,607,586.00	3,522,188.00	(5,260,110.00)	10,869,664.00	
Accrued Liabilities:					
Early Retirement	287,612.00		(132,324.00)	155,288.00	10,543.00
Pensions	290,837.00	272,125.00	(290,837.00)	272,125.00	
Lease Liability	540,949.52		(156,848.96)	384,100.56	134,910.22
Net OPEB Liability	40,080,235.86	3,521,453.64	(9,319,217.00)	34,282,472.50	
Compensated Absences	2,266,864.21		(125,235.55)	2,141,628.66	214,162.87
Total Other Liabilities	56,074,084.59	7,315,766.64	(15,284,572.51)	48,105,278.72	359,616.09
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 109,663,892.55	\$ 7,315,766.64	\$ (20,804,437.82)	\$ 96,175,221.37	\$ 4,844,616.09
	Balance Oct. 1, 2022 (Restated)	Additions	Reductions	Balance Sept. 30, 2023	(Memo) Due Within One Year
Bonds Payable:					
Revenue Bonds	\$ 55,360,000.00		\$ (5,130,000.00)	\$ 50,230,000.00	\$ 4,780,000.00
Issuance Premiums	4,228,262.39		(868,454.43)	3,359,807.96	
Total Bonds Payable	59,588,262.39	\$ -	(5,998,454.43)	53,589,807.96	4,780,000.00
Other Liabilities					
Net Pension Liability	12,888,490.00	5,633,276.00	(5,914,180.00)	12,607,586.00	
Accrued Liabilities:					
Early Retirement	307,722.00		(20,110.00)	287,612.00	20,663.00
Pensions	269,243.00	290,837.00	(269,243.00)	290,837.00	
Lease Liability		702,346.06	(161,396.54)	540,949.52	137,193.40
Net OPEB Liability	40,726,320.89	2,196,012.01	(2,842,097.04)	40,080,235.86	
Compensated Absences	2,620,011.55		(353,147.34)	2,266,864.21	189,236.50
Total Other Liabilities	56,811,787.44	8,822,471.07	(9,560,173.92)	56,074,084.59	347,092.90
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 116,400,049.83	\$ 8,822,471.07	\$ (15,558,628.35)	\$ 109,663,892.55	\$ 5,127,092.90

Revenue Bonds Payable

The Commission issued \$46,290,000.00 of the Series 2013 Bonds pursuant to a resolution dated April 18, 2013 with interest rates ranging from 2.50% to 5.00%. The Bonds were issued to provide funds for the costs of various capital improvements to the Commission's Bridge System, funding the Debt Service Reserve Fund, and paying costs and expenses associated with the issuance of the Series 2013 Bonds.

The Commission issued \$44,730,000.00 of the Series 2017 Bonds pursuant to a resolution dated August 29, 2017 with interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00%. The Bonds were issued to pay off the 2016 Notes, funding the Debt Service Reserve Fund, and paying the costs and expenses associated with the issuance of the Series 2017 Bonds.

Note 4: DETAIL NOTES – LIABILITIES (CONT'D)**Revenue Bonds Payable (Cont'd)**

The following schedule reflects the Debt Requirements until 2037.

Fiscal Year Ending Sept. 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 4,485,000.00	\$ 2,037,613.00	\$ 6,522,613.00
2026	4,675,000.00	1,808,613.00	6,483,613.00
2027	4,895,000.00	1,576,488.00	6,471,488.00
2028	5,150,000.00	1,342,137.50	6,492,137.50
2029	4,805,000.00	1,109,475.00	5,914,475.00
2030-2034	17,630,000.00	2,688,806.25	20,318,806.25
2035-2037	3,810,000.00	219,750.00	4,029,750.00
	<u>\$ 45,450,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,782,882.75</u>	<u>\$ 56,232,882.75</u>
Adjustments:			
Premium on Bonds	<u>2,619,942.65</u>		
	<u>\$ 48,069,942.65</u>		

Burlington County Guarantee

The Burlington County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") adopted a resolution on April 28, 1993, as supplemented on March 28, 2001 (the "Prior County Guaranty"), which authorized the guaranty by the County of the payment, when due, of the principal of and interest on certain bonds of the Commission issued in 1993 and 2002 (collectively, the "Prior County Guaranteed Bonds"). The Board further adopted a resolution on November 14, 2012 (the "New County Guaranty" and together with the Prior County Guaranty, the "County Guaranty"), which authorized the guaranty by the County of the payment, when due, of the principal of and interest on the Bonds (the "New County Guaranteed Bonds" and together with the Prior County Guaranteed Bonds, the "County Guaranteed Bonds"). Pursuant to the terms of the County Guaranty, the County has covenanted to pay, when due, the principal of and interest on the outstanding County Guaranteed Bonds to the extent that the revenues or other money or securities or funds of the Commission are not available under the terms of the Resolution therefor.

The payments, which are required by the County under the terms of the New County Guaranty will constitute the valid, binding, direct and general obligations of the County and are payable out of the first funds becoming legally available for such purpose. In the opinion of Bond Counsel to the Commission, the County has the power, and is obligated, to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the jurisdiction of the County, for the purpose of making such payments under the New County Guaranty, as the same shall become due, without limitation as to rate or amount, if such funds are not otherwise available. The New County Guaranty will remain in full force and effect for as long as the Bonds remain outstanding.

Net Pension Liability

For details on the net pension liability, see the Pension Plans section of this note that follows. The Commission's annual required contribution to the Public Employees' Retirement System is budgeted and paid on an annual basis.

Net OPEB Liability

For details on other postemployment benefits, see the Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) section of this note that follows. The Commission's contributions to the postemployment benefits plan are budgeted and paid as they are due.

Note 4: DETAIL NOTES – LIABILITIES (CONT'D)**Lease Liability**

The Commission's lease agreement for the year ended September 30, 2024 are summarized as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Lease Liability</u>	<u>Balance October 1, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance September 30, 2024</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Vehicles	\$ 702,346.06	\$ 540,949.52	\$ -	\$ 156,848.96	\$ 384,100.56	\$ 134,910.22

The Commission's lease agreement for the year ended September 30, 2023 are summarized as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Lease Liability</u>	<u>Balance October 1, 2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance September 30, 2023</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Vehicles	\$ 702,346.06	\$ -	\$ 702,346.06	\$ 161,396.54	\$ 540,949.52	\$ 137,193.40

The Commission leased 10 vehicles for their various departments on October 1, 2022 for a term of five years. The implied interest rate is based on the Commission's estimated incremental borrowing rate of 2.28%. This lease can be extended on a month-to-month basis at the expiration of the lease agreement, and the Commission will not acquire the vehicles at the end of the lease.

The Commission leased 4 vehicles for their various departments on June 26, 2023 for a term of five years. The implied interest rate is based on the Commission's estimated incremental borrowing rate of 2.77%. This lease can be extended on a month-to-month basis at the expiration of the lease agreement, and the Commission will not acquire the vehicles at the end of the lease.

Annual requirements to amortize lease obligations and related interest are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending Sept. 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 134,910.22	\$ 7,096.70	\$ 142,006.92
2026	137,602.30	4,404.62	142,006.92
2027	74,628.96	1,932.42	76,561.38
2028	36,959.08	384.92	37,344.00
	<u>\$ 384,100.56</u>	<u>\$ 13,818.66</u>	<u>\$ 397,919.22</u>

Lease Liabilities are amortized in a manner consistent with the Commission's depreciation policy for owned assets.

Compensated Absences

The Commission accounts for compensated absences (e.g., employee's accrued leave) as directed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The accrued liability for compensated absences at September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2023 is estimated to be \$2,141,628.66 and \$2,266,864.21.

Note 4: DETAIL NOTES – LIABILITIES (CONT'D)**Pension Plans**

A substantial number of the Commission's employees participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS"), which is administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. In addition, several Commission employees participate in the Defined Contribution Retirement Program ("DCRP"), which is a defined contribution pension plan. This Plan is administered by Empower for the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. Each Plan has a Board of Trustees that is primarily responsible for its administration. As a local participation employer of these pension plans, the Commission is referred to as "Employer" throughout this note. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about the PERS plan's fiduciary net position, which can be obtained by writing to or at the following website:

State of New Jersey
Division of Pensions and Benefits
P.O. Box 295
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295
<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>

General Information about the Pension Plans**Plan Descriptions**

Public Employees' Retirement System - The Public Employees' Retirement System is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, which was established as of January 1, 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A. The PERS' designated purpose is to provide retirement, death, and disability benefits to certain qualified members. Membership in the PERS is mandatory for substantially all full-time employees of the Employer, provided the employee is not required to be a member of another state-administered retirement system or other state pensions fund or local jurisdiction's pension fund. The PERS' Board of Trustees is primarily responsible for the administration of the PERS.

Defined Contribution Retirement Program - The Defined Contribution Retirement Program is a multiple-employer defined contribution pension fund established on July 1, 2007 under the provisions of P.L. 2007, c. 92 and P.L. 2007, c. 103, and expanded under the provisions of P.L. 2008, c. 89 and P.L. 2010, c. 1. The DCRP is a tax-qualified defined contribution money purchase pension plan under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) § 401(a) et seq., and is a "governmental plan" within the meaning of IRC § 414(d). The DCRP provides retirement benefits for eligible employees and their beneficiaries. Individuals covered under DCRP are state or local officials who are elected or appointed on or after July 1, 2007; employees enrolled in PERS on or after July 1, 2007, who earn salary in excess of established "maximum compensation" limits; employees enrolled in New Jersey State Police Retirement System (SPRS) or the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) after May 21, 2010, who earn salary in excess of established "maximum compensation" limits; employees otherwise eligible to enroll in PERS on or after November 2, 2008, who do not earn the minimum annual salary for tier 3 enrollment but who earn salary of at least \$5,000.00 annually; and employees otherwise eligible to enroll in PERS after May 21, 2010 who do not work the minimum number of hours per week required for tiers 4 or 5 enrollment, but who earn salary of at least \$5,000.00 annually.

Note 4: DETAIL NOTES – LIABILITIES (CONT'D)**Pension Plans (Cont'd)****General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Vesting and Benefit Provisions**

Public Employees' Retirement System - The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A. The PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after 10 years of service.

The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

Tier Definition

- 1 Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007.
- 2 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008.
- 3 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008 and prior to May 22, 2010.
- 4 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011.
- 5 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011.

Service retirement benefits of 1/55th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tiers 3 and 4 with 25 years or more of service credit before age 62, and tier 5 with 30 or more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the age at which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 55 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

Defined Contribution Retirement Program - Eligible members are provided with a defined contribution retirement plan intended to qualify for favorable Federal income tax treatment under IRC Section 401(a), a noncontributory group life insurance plan and a noncontributory group disability benefit plan. A participant's interest in that portion of his or her defined contribution retirement plan account attributable to employee contributions shall immediately become and shall at all times remain fully vested and non-forfeitable. A participant's interest in that portion of his or her defined contribution retirement plan account attributable to employer contributions shall be vested and non-forfeitable on the date the participant commences the second year of employment or upon his or her attainment of age 65, while employed by an employer, whichever occurs first.

Contributions

Public Employees' Retirement System - The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 2011, C. 78, the member contribution rate is currently 7.50% of base salary, effective July 1, 2018. The rate for members who are eligible for the Prosecutors Part of PERS (P.L. 2001, C. 366) is 10.0%. Employers' contributions are based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability.

Note 4: DETAIL NOTES – LIABILITIES (CONT'D)**Pension Plans (Cont'd)****General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Contributions (Cont'd)**

Public Employees' Retirement System (Cont'd) - *Special Funding Situation Component* - Under N.J.S.A. 43:15A, local participating employers are responsible for their own contributions based on actuarially determined amounts, except where legislation was passed, which legally obligated the State if certain circumstances occurred. One of such legislations, which legally obligate the State, is Chapter 133, P.L. 2001. This legislation increased the accrual rate from 1/60 to 1/55. In addition, it lowered the age required for a veteran benefit equal to 1/55 of highest 12-month compensation for each year of service from 60 to 55. Chapter 133, P.L. 2001 also established the Benefit Enhancement Fund ("BEF") to fund the additional annual employer normal contribution due to the State's increased benefits. If the assets in the BEF are insufficient to cover the normal contribution for the increased benefits for a valuation period, the State will pay such amount for both the State and local employers.

The Employer's contractually required contribution rate for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2023 was 23.09% and 18.50% of the Commission's covered payroll. This amount was actuarially determined as the amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, including an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Based on the most recent PERS measurement date of June 30, 2024, the Employer's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 was \$1,088,499.00, and was payable by April 1, 2025. For the prior year measurement date of June 30, 2023, the Employer's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 was \$1,163,349.00, and was paid by April 1, 2024.

Employee contributions to the Plan for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2023 were \$357,839.51 and \$474,792.49, respectively.

The amount of contractually required contribution for the State of New Jersey's proportionate share, associated with the Employer, under Chapter 133, P.L. 2001, for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2023 were 0.74% and 0.63% of the Employer's covered payroll.

Based on the most recent PERS measurement date of June 30, 2024, the State's contractually required contribution, under Chapter 133, P.L. 2001, on-behalf of the Employer, to the pension plan for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 was \$35,044.00, and is payable by April 1, 2025. For the prior year measurement date of June 30, 2023, the State's contractually required contribution, under Chapter 133, P.L. 2001, on-behalf of the Employer, to the pension plan for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 was \$39,318.00, and was paid by April 1, 2024.

Defined Contribution Retirement Program - The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15C-3 and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. In accordance with Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007, Plan members are required to contribute 5.5% of their annual covered salary. In addition to the employee contributions, the Employer contributes 3% of the employees' base salary, for each pay period.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2023, employee contributions totaled \$3,941.74 and \$11,970.64, respectively. The Commission recognized pension expense of \$1,873.51 and \$6,299.13 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2023, which equaled the required contributions. There were no forfeitures during the fiscal years.

Note 4: DETAIL NOTES – LIABILITIES (CONT'D)**Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Pension Liabilities, Pension (Benefit) Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions****Public Employees' Retirement System**

Pension Liability - As of September 30, 2024, there is no net pension liability associated with the special funding situation under Chapter 133, P.L. 2001, as there was no accumulated difference between the annual additional normal cost and the actual State contribution through the valuation date. The Employer's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability was \$10,869,664.00. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2024. The Employer's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Employer's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. For the June 30, 2024 measurement date, the Employer's proportion was .0799943135%, which was a decrease of .0070483556% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

As of September 30, 2023, there is no net pension liability associated with the special funding situation under Chapter 133, P.L. 2001, as there was no accumulated difference between the annual additional normal cost and the actual State contribution through the valuation date. The Employer's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability was \$12,607,586.00. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2023. The Employer's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Employer's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. For the June 30, 2023 measurement date, the Employer's proportion was .0870426691%, which was an increase of .0016396566% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

Pension (Benefit) Expense - For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2023, the Employer recognized its proportionate share of the PERS pension (benefit) expense of \$(750,771.00) and \$(959,179.00), respectively. These amounts were based on the Plan's June 30, 2024 and 2023 measurement dates, respectively.

For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2023, the Employer has recognized as a revenue and an expenditure on-behalf payments made by the State for the State's proportionate share of the PERS pension expense, associated with the Employer, under Chapter 133, P.L. 2001, calculated by the Plan as of the June 30, 2024 and 2023 measurement date. The amounts recognized as a revenue and an expenditure in the financial statements was \$35,044.00 and \$39,318.00, respectively.

Note 4: DETAIL NOTES – LIABILITIES (CONT'D)**Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Pension Liabilities, Pension (Benefit) Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Cont'd)****Public Employees' Retirement System (Cont'd)**

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources – At September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2023, the Commission had deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>September 30, 2024</u>		<u>September 30, 2023</u>	
	<u>Measurement Date</u>		<u>Measurement Date</u>	
	<u>June 30, 2024</u>		<u>June 30, 2023</u>	
	<u>Deferred</u>	<u>Deferred</u>	<u>Deferred</u>	<u>Deferred</u>
	<u>Outflows of</u>	<u>Inflows of</u>	<u>Outflows of</u>	<u>Inflows of</u>
	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Resources</u>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 217,739.00	\$ 28,938.00	\$ 120,545.00	\$ 51,536.00
Changes of Assumptions	13,504.00	123,672.00	27,696.00	764,074.00
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	-	503,997.00	58,060.00	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	165,691.00	2,338,446.00	219,486.00	2,309,643.00
Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	272,125.00	-	290,837.00	-
	<u>\$ 669,059.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,995,053.00</u>	<u>\$ 716,624.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,125,253.00</u>

Deferred outflows of resources in the amounts of \$272,125.00 and \$290,837.00 will be included as a reduction of the net pension liability during the fiscal years ending September 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively. These amounts are based on an estimated April 1, 2026 and April 1, 2025 contractually required contribution, prorated from the pension plan's measurement date of June 30, 2024 and 2023 to the Employer's fiscal year-end of September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2023.

Note 4: DETAIL NOTES – LIABILITIES (CONT'D)**Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Pension Liabilities, Pension (Benefit) Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Cont'd)****Public Employees' Retirement System (Cont'd)**

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources (Cont'd) - The Employer will amortize the other deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions over the following number of years:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>		<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience			Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:			Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2019	5.21	-	June 30, 2020	5.00	-
June 30, 2020	5.16	-	June 30, 2021	-	5.00
June 30, 2021	-	5.13	June 30, 2022	5.00	-
June 30, 2022	-	5.04	June 30, 2023	-	5.00
June 30, 2023	5.08	-	June 30, 2024	-	5.00
June 30, 2024	5.08	-			
Changes of Assumptions			Changes in Proportion		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:			Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2019	-	5.21	June 30, 2019	5.21	5.21
June 30, 2020	-	5.16	June 30, 2020	5.16	5.16
June 30, 2021	5.13	-	June 30, 2021	5.13	5.13
June 30, 2022	-	5.04	June 30, 2022	5.04	5.04
			June 30, 2023	5.08	5.08
			June 30, 2024	5.08	5.08

Other amounts included as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in future periods as follows:

**Fiscal
Year Ending
September 30,**

2025	\$ (1,399,336.00)
2026	(471,454.00)
2027	(388,585.00)
2028	(324,977.00)
2029	(13,767.00)
	<u>\$ (2,598,119.00)</u>

Note 4: DETAIL NOTES – LIABILITIES (CONT'D)**Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Actuarial Assumptions****Public Employees' Retirement System**

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023 and 2022. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2024 and 2023. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	Measurement Date <u>June 30, 2024</u>	Measurement Date <u>June 30, 2023</u>
Inflation Rate:		
Price	2.75%	2.75%
Wage	3.25%	3.25%
Salary Increases:	2.75% - 6.55%	2.75% - 6.55%
	Based on Years of Service	Based on Years of Service
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%	7.00%
Period of Actuarial Experience		
Study upon which Actuarial		
Assumptions were Based	July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021	July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021

For the June 30, 2024 measurement date, pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee mortality table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

For the June 30, 2023 measurement date, Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee mortality table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

Note 4: DETAIL NOTES – LIABILITIES (CONT'D)**Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Actuarial Assumptions (Cont'd)****Public Employees' Retirement System (Cont'd)**

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on Plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2024 and 2023) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return 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 rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 are summarized in the table below:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Measurement Date</u> <u>June 30, 2024</u>		<u>Measurement Date</u> <u>June 30, 2023</u>	
	<u>Target</u> <u>Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term</u> <u>Expected Real</u> <u>Rate of Return</u>	<u>Target</u> <u>Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term</u> <u>Expected Real</u> <u>Rate of Return</u>
U.S. Equity	28.00%	8.63%	28.00%	8.98%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	12.75%	8.85%	12.75%	9.22%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	8.85%	1.25%	9.22%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.66%	5.50%	11.13%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.40%	13.00%	12.50%
Real Estate	8.00%	10.95%	8.00%	8.58%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.20%	3.00%	8.40%
High Yield	4.50%	6.74%	4.50%	6.97%
Private Credit	8.00%	8.90%	8.00%	9.20%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.37%	7.00%	5.19%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.57%	2.00%	3.31%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.57%	4.00%	3.31%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	7.10%	3.00%	6.21%
	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>100.00%</u>	

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2024. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from Plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the nonemployer contributing entity would be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the 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 Plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Note 4: DETAIL NOTES – LIABILITIES (CONT'D)**Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Actuarial Assumptions (Cont'd)****Public Employees' Retirement System (Cont'd)**

Discount Rate (Cont'd) - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from Plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the nonemployer contributing entity would be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the 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 Plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of Commission's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate**Public Employees' Retirement System**

The following presents the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability as of the June 30, 2024 measurement date, calculated using a discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rates used:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 14,443,111.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,869,664.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,828,680.00</u>

The following presents the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability as of the June 30, 2023 measurement date, calculated using a discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rates used:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 16,412,394.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,607,586.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,369,191.00</u>

Note 4: DETAIL NOTES – LIABILITIES (CONT'D)**Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position****Public Employees' Retirement System**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension (benefit) expense, information about the respective fiduciary net position of the PERS and additions to/deductions from PERS' respective fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS. Accordingly, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Early Retirement Incentive Program

Legislation enacted in 1993 made early retirement available through Early Retirement Incentive Programs. These programs, which were subject to the approval of the Commission's governing body (within a limited period of time), were available to employees who met certain minimum requirements. The governing body of the Commission approved the program on January 14, 1992, March 17, 1992 and November 9, 1993 for eligible members of the PERS. Seven employees applied for early retirement under the 1993 program. Program costs are billed annually by the Division of Pensions.

As of September 30, 2024, the accrued liability to the PERS for the 1993 program was \$155,288.00. As of September 30, 2023, the accrued liability to the PERS for the 1993 program was \$287,612.00. The Commission incurred and recorded the costs the year the programs were adopted and have made all payments annually. The current fiscal year payment for the 1993 program was \$132,324.00. The payments for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 for the 1993 program was \$20,110.00. The payments are scheduled to increase 4% annually.

Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) – Commission Plan**General Information about the OPEB Plan****Plan Description and Benefits Provided**

The Commission provides medical benefits to employees that have retired from the Commission. The Commission provides family prescription and medical insurance, a \$5,000.00 life and accidental death insurance policy, and 50% of the Medicare B premium, if eligible, deducted from the employee's social security check for both the employee and the spouse. No assets are accumulated in a trust. In accordance with GASB Statement 75, this Plan is considered a Single Employer, Defined Benefit OPEB Plan that is not administered through a Trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 75.

Note 4: DETAIL NOTES – LIABILITIES (CONT'D)**Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) – Commission Plan (Cont'd)****General Information about the OPEB Plan (Cont'd)****Employees Covered by Benefit Terms**

At September 30, 2024 and 2023, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

	<u>Sept. 30, 2024</u>	<u>Sept. 30, 2023</u>
Inactive Employees or Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefit Payments	148	142
Inactive Employees Entitled to but Not Yet Receiving Benefit Payments		
Active Employees	<u>48</u>	<u>60</u>
	<u>196</u>	<u>202</u>

Contributions

For retirees who are currently in retirement status as of July 1, 2011, or have at least 20 years of service as of July 1, 2011, there are no retiree contributions. Retirees who do not have at least 20 years of service as of July 1, 2011 are expected to pay an amount equal to their Contribution Rate times the Plan's gross premiums. In no event shall the contribution be less than 1.5% of the Retirement Allowance.

Total OPEB Liability

The Commission's total OPEB liability of \$34,282,472.50 as of September 30, 2024 and \$40,080,235.86 as of September 30, 2023 was measured as of September 30, 2024 and 2023. The liabilities were determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2023 and rolled forward to September 30, 2024.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

The following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

	<u>Sept. 30, 2024</u>	<u>Sept. 30, 2023</u>
Inflation	2.50% Annually	2.50% Annually
Salary Increases	2.50% Annually	2.50% Annually
Discount Rate	3.81%	4.09%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates		
Pre-Medicare		
Medical	6.50% decreasing to 4.50% by 2032	5.10% decreasing to 4.50% by 2026
Prescription	14.00% decreasing to 4.50% by 2030	6.00% decreasing to 4.50% by 2026
Medicare Part B	4.50% Annually	4.50% Annually
Dental and Vision	3.50% Annually	3.50% Annually

The discount rate was based on the 20-year Municipal AA bond rate.

Mortality rates were based on PUB 2010 "General" Classification headcount weighted mortality with generational improvement using Scale MP-2021.

Turnover rates were based on New Jersey State Pensions Ultimate Withdrawal Rates prior to benefits eligibility.

Note 4: DETAIL NOTES – LIABILITIES (CONT'D)**Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) – Commission Plan (Cont'd)****Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs (Cont'd)**

An experience study was not performed on the actuarial assumptions used in the September 30, 2024 valuation since the Plan had insufficient data to produce a study with credible results. Mortality rates and termination rates were based on standard tables either issued by the SOA or developed for the applicable grade of employee. The actuary has used their professional judgment in applying these assumptions to this Plan.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

The following table shows the changes in the total OPEB liability for the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively:

	<u>Sept. 30, 2024</u>	<u>Sept. 30, 2023</u>
Balance at Beginning of Year	\$ 40,080,235.86	\$ 40,726,320.89
Changes for the Year:		
Service Cost	\$ 387,709.00	\$ 568,765.00
Interest Cost	1,625,921.64	1,627,247.01
Benefit Payments	(1,428,719.00)	(1,632,609.04)
Actuarial Assumption Changes	<u>(6,382,675.00)</u>	<u>(1,209,488.00)</u>
Net Changes	<u>(5,797,763.36)</u>	<u>(646,085.03)</u>
Balance at End of Year	<u>\$ 34,282,472.50</u>	<u>\$ 40,080,235.86</u>

There were no changes of benefit terms at September 30, 2024 or 2023. There was a change in the assumed discount rate at September 30, 2024 and 2023. For 2024, the discount rate changed from 4.09% as of September 30, 2023 to 3.81% as of September 30, 2024. For 2023, the discount rate changed from 4.02% as of September 30, 2022 to 4.09% as of September 30, 2023.

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Commission, as well as what the Commission's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated for using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current discount rate:

	<u>Sept. 30, 2024</u>		
	1.00% Decrease (2.81%)	Current Discount Rate (3.81%)	1.00% Increase (4.81%)
Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 37,383,614.48</u>	<u>\$ 34,282,472.50</u>	<u>\$ 31,711,646.55</u>

	<u>Sept. 30, 2023</u>		
	1.00% Decrease (3.09%)	Current Discount Rate (4.09%)	1.00% Increase (5.09%)
Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 43,877,892.08</u>	<u>\$ 40,080,235.86</u>	<u>\$ 37,170,723.82</u>

Note 4: DETAIL NOTES – LIABILITIES (CONT'D)**Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) – Commission Plan (Cont'd)****Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates**

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Commission, as well as what the Commission's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

Sept. 30, 2024			
	1.00% Decrease (Various)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate (Various)	1.00% Increase (Various)
Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 32,756,318.37</u>	<u>\$ 34,282,472.50</u>	<u>\$ 36,016,928.34</u>

Sept. 30, 2023			
	1.00% Decrease (Various)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate (Various)	1.00% Increase (Various)
Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 37,615,531.29</u>	<u>\$ 40,080,235.86</u>	<u>\$ 43,386,626.44</u>

OPEB (Benefit) Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, the Commission recognized OPEB (benefit) expense of \$2,635,458.64 and \$3,068,175.01. At September 30, 2024 and 2023, the Commission reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Sept. 30, 2024		Sept. 30, 2023	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes of Assumptions	\$ 6,485,220.00	\$ 15,008,828.00	\$ 6,803,948.00	\$ 8,323,053.00
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 6,485,220.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,008,828.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,803,948.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,323,053.00</u>

Note 4: DETAIL NOTES – LIABILITIES (CONT'D)

Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) – Commission Plan (Cont'd)

OPEB (Benefit) Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Cont'd)

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

Fiscal Year Ending September 30,		
2025	\$	(614,947.00)
2026		(614,947.00)
2027		(614,947.00)
2028		(614,947.00)
2029		(614,947.00)
Thereafter		(5,448,873.00)
		<u>\$ (8,523,608.00)</u>

Note 5: CONDUIT DEBT OBLIGATIONS

The Commission is authorized to provide within the County, public facilities for use by the State, the County or any municipality in the County and to acquire real estate within the County by lease or purchase and to construct, reconstruct and rehabilitate improvements thereon and to lease the same to governmental units. Utilizing this authorization, the Commission has issued certain debt bearing its name to lower the cost of borrowing for specific governmental entities. This debt is commonly referred to as conduit (or non-commitment) debt. Typically, the debt proceeds are used to finance facilities within the Commission’s jurisdiction that are transferred to the third-party either by lease or by sale. The underlying lease or mortgage loan agreement, which serves as collateral for the promise of payments by the third-party, calls for payments that are essentially the same as those required by the debt. These payments are made by the third-party directly to an independent trustee, who is appointed to service and administer the arrangement. The Commission assumes no responsibility for repayment of this debt beyond the resources provided by the underlying leases or mortgage loans.

As of September 30, 2024, there were twenty-four series of Special Revenue Bonds outstanding. The corresponding aggregate principal totaling \$322,381,900.00 is treated strictly as conduit debt obligations and is not included in the financial statements.

As of September 30, 2023, there were twenty-four series of Special Revenue Bonds outstanding. The corresponding aggregate principal totaling \$351,424,700.00 is treated strictly as conduit debt obligations and is not included in the financial statements.

Note 6: COMMITMENTS**Construction Contracts**

The Commission had several outstanding or planned construction projects as of September 30, 2024. These projects are evidenced by contractual commitments with contractors and include:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Awarded</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Tacony Palmyra and Burlington Bristol Bridge		
Milling and Resurfacing	\$ 3,234,454.18	\$ 365,300.50
Tacony Palmyra Structural Repairs	2,825,421.00	1,000,012.18
Installation of EV Charging Stations	604,807.86	33,037.01
River Road Bridge Bearings Replacement	1,322,202.00	1,224,802.00
	<u>\$ 7,986,885.04</u>	<u>\$ 2,623,151.69</u>

Note 7: DEFERRED COMPENSATION SALARY ACCOUNT

The Commission offers its employees a Deferred Compensation Plan in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457, which has been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services. The Plan, available to all full-time employees at their option, permits employees to defer a portion of their salary to future years. The deferred compensation is not available to participants until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency.

Amounts deferred under Section 457 plans must be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of participating employees and not be accessible by the Commission or its creditors. Since the Commission does not have a fiduciary relationship with the Plan, the balances and activities of the Plan are not reported in the Commission's financial statements.

Note 8: RISK MANAGEMENT**Joint Insurance**

The Commission purchases insurance through the Burlington County Insurance Commission (the "Insurance Commission"). Excess insurance is managed by the New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund.

The Insurance Commission provides its members with the following coverage:

Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability
 Liability other than Motor Vehicles
 Property Damage other than Motor Vehicles
 Motor Vehicles

Through membership in the New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund, the Commission receives the following ancillary insurance coverage:

Public Officials Liability/Employment Practices Liability
 Crime
 Pollution Liability
 Employed Lawyers Liability

Note 8: RISK MANAGEMENT**Joint Insurance (Cont'd)**

Contributions to the Insurance Commission, are payable in an annual premium and is based on actuarial assumptions determined by the Insurance Commission's actuary. The Commission's agreement with the Insurance Commission provides that the Insurance Commission will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will reinsure through the New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund for claims in excess of \$50,000 to \$200,000 based on the line of coverage for each insured event.

The Insurance Commission publishes its own financial report, which can be obtained from:

Burlington County Insurance Commission
49 Rancocas Road
PO Box 6000
Mt Holly, New Jersey 08060

Self Insurance

The Commission adopted a plan of self-insurance for employee health insurance and prescriptions. The following is a summary of the claims liability of Commission's Trust Fund for self-insured employee health insurance and prescriptions for the current and previous year:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Claims Liability Balance, October 1	\$ 57,333.61	\$ -
Incurred Claims	2,619,537.46	3,268,058.56
Payment of Claims	<u>(2,218,714.55)</u>	<u>(3,210,724.95)</u>
Claims Liability Balance, September 30	<u>\$ 458,156.52</u>	<u>\$ 57,333.61</u>

At September 30, 2024 and 2023, the estimate for the incurred but not reported claims as provided by the third party administrator is \$458,156.52 and \$57,333.61, respectively. Liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Liabilities include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported. Claim liabilities are based upon the estimated ultimate cost of settling the claims. Any additional funding required for claims in excess of the aforementioned reserve will be paid and charged to future budgets.

Note 9: CONTINGENCIES

Litigation - The Commission is a defendant in several legal proceedings that are in various stages of litigation. It is believed that the outcome, or exposure to the Commission, from such litigation is either unknown or potential losses, if any, would not be material to the financial statements.

Note 10: RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR PERIOD FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As indicated in note 1 to the financial statements, the Commission adopted GASB Statement 101 *Compensated Absences* for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. As a result of implementing this Statement, a restatement of unrestricted net position was required to record the Commission's compensated absences liability. The cumulative effect on the financial statements as reported for September 30, 2022 is as follows:

	Balance September 30, 2022, as previously stated	Compensated Absences (1)	Balance September 30, 2022, as restated
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 75,810,064.13		\$ 75,810,064.13
Restricted - Bond Resolution Covenants	11,395,371.70		11,395,371.70
Unrestricted	9,182,078.22	\$ (809,910.70)	8,372,167.52
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 96,387,514.05</u>	<u>\$ (809,910.70)</u>	<u>\$ 95,577,603.35</u>

(1) Represents the change in the Commission's compensated absences liability as of September 30, 2022.

The following represents the cumulative effects of the restatement on the respective financial statement balances of the Commission for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023:

Statement of Net Position – September 30, 2023

	Balance September 30, 2023, as previously stated	Restatement	Balance September 30, 2023, as restated
LIABILITIES			
Long-term Liabilities:			
Compensated Absences Payable	\$ 1,321,585.03	\$ 756,042.68	\$ 2,077,627.71
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>103,780,756.97</u>	<u>756,042.68</u>	<u>104,536,799.65</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>131,239,981.24</u>	<u>756,042.68</u>	<u>131,996,023.92</u>
NET POSITION			
Unrestricted	<u>22,252,367.17</u>	<u>(756,042.68)</u>	<u>21,496,324.49</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 109,319,606.13</u>	<u>\$ (756,042.68)</u>	<u>\$ 108,563,563.45</u>

Note 10: RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR PERIOD FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

The following represents the cumulative effects of the restatement on the respective financial statement balances of the Commission for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023:

Comparative Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position– September 30, 2023

	Balance September 30, 2023, <u>as previously stated</u>	<u>Restatement</u>	Balance September 30, 2023, <u>as restated</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Administration:			
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,926,817.33	\$ (15,940.64)	\$ 1,910,876.69
Cost of Providing Service:			
Salaries and Wages	7,055,177.20	(37,927.38)	7,017,249.82
Total Operating Expenses	37,863,209.28	(53,868.02)	37,809,341.26
Operating Income	11,616,161.55	53,868.02	11,670,029.57
Change in Net Position	12,932,092.08	53,868.02	12,985,960.10
Net Position - Beginning	96,387,514.05	(809,910.70)	95,577,603.35
Net Position - Ending	<u>\$ 109,319,606.13</u>	<u>\$ (756,042.68)</u>	<u>\$ 108,563,563.45</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION

Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of Changes in the Commission's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios - Commission Plan
Last Eight Fiscal Years

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,			
Total OPEB Liability	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Service Cost	\$ 387,709.00	\$ 568,765.00	\$ 555,280.00	\$ 588,152.00
Interest Cost	1,625,921.64	1,627,247.01	1,036,481.89	1,043,045.38
Benefit Payments	(1,428,719.00)	(1,632,609.04)	(1,690,038.62)	(1,800,686.29)
Actuarial Demographic Changes	(6,382,675.00)	(1,209,488.00)	(5,327,172.00)	(3,177,085.00)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	(5,797,763.36)	(646,085.03)	(5,425,448.73)	(3,346,573.91)
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning of Fiscal Year	40,080,235.86	40,726,320.89	46,151,769.62	49,498,343.53
Total OPEB Liability - End of Fiscal Year	<u>\$ 34,282,472.50</u>	<u>\$ 40,080,235.86</u>	<u>\$ 40,726,320.89</u>	<u>\$ 46,151,769.62</u>
Covered Payroll	\$ 6,571,380.60	\$ 8,870,245.00	\$ 9,135,155.00	\$ 8,861,491.00
Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	521.69%	451.85%	445.82%	520.81%
	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,			
Total OPEB Liability	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Service Cost	\$ 588,152.00	\$ 922,515.00	\$ 1,007,739.00	\$ 1,163,982.00
Interest Cost	1,151,470.89	1,390,306.00	1,276,928.00	1,175,108.00
Benefit Payments	(1,617,202.36)	(1,536,983.00)	(1,565,860.00)	(1,432,521.00)
Actuarial Demographic Changes	7,484,297.00	8,263,885.00	(2,579,446.00)	(4,116,591.00)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	7,606,717.53	9,039,723.00	(1,860,639.00)	(3,210,022.00)
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning of Fiscal Year	41,891,626.00	32,851,903.00	34,712,542.00	37,922,564.00
Total OPEB Liability - End of Fiscal Year	<u>\$ 49,498,343.53</u>	<u>\$ 41,891,626.00</u>	<u>\$ 32,851,903.00</u>	<u>\$ 34,712,542.00</u>
Covered Payroll	\$ 10,603,909.00	\$ 9,105,500.00	\$ 8,519,588.00	\$ 8,181,168.00
Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	466.79%	460.07%	385.60%	424.30%

Note: This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, this presentation will only include information for those years for which information is available.

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the Commission's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)
Last Ten Plan Years

	Measurement Date Ending June 30,				
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Commission's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.0799943135%	0.0870426691%	0.0854030125%	0.1027948358%	0.1055629107%
Commission's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 10,869,664.00	\$ 12,607,586.00	\$ 12,888,490.00	\$ 12,177,589.00	\$ 17,214,550.00
Commission's Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 6,323,000.00	\$ 6,431,872.00	\$ 6,326,600.00	\$ 7,198,628.00	\$ 7,456,092.00
Commission's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	171.91%	196.02%	203.72%	169.17%	230.88%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	68.22%	65.23%	62.91%	70.33%	58.32%
	Measurement Date Ending June 30,				
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Commission's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.1065521957%	0.1080369896%	0.1082007077%	0.1105223757%	0.1093203713%
Commission's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 19,199,089.00	\$ 21,271,945.00	\$ 25,187,395.00	\$ 32,733,558.00	\$ 24,540,233.00
Commission's Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 7,525,176.00	\$ 7,620,988.00	\$ 7,474,128.00	\$ 7,617,020.00	\$ 7,411,408.00
Commission's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	255.13%	279.12%	336.99%	429.74%	331.11%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	56.27%	53.60%	48.10%	40.14%	47.93%

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the Commission's Pension Contributions
Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,				
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Commission's Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 1,088,499.00	\$ 1,163,349.00	\$ 1,076,973.00	\$ 1,203,847.00	\$ 1,154,805.00
Commission's Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(1,088,499.00)</u>	<u>(1,163,349.00)</u>	<u>(1,076,973.00)</u>	<u>(1,203,847.00)</u>	<u>(1,154,805.00)</u>
Commission's Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Commission's Covered Payroll (Fiscal Year)	\$ 4,714,157.00	\$ 6,287,979.00	\$ 6,469,887.00	\$ 6,327,224.00	\$ 7,357,808.00
Commission's Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	23.09%	18.50%	16.65%	19.03%	15.69%
	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,				
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Commission's Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 1,036,439.00	\$ 1,074,619.00	\$ 1,002,364.00	\$ 981,865.00	\$ 939,862.00
Commission's Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(1,036,439.00)</u>	<u>(1,074,619.00)</u>	<u>(1,002,364.00)</u>	<u>(981,865.00)</u>	<u>(939,862.00)</u>
Commission's Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Commission's Covered Payroll (Fiscal Year)	\$ 7,483,776.00	\$ 7,534,265.00	\$ 7,593,551.00	\$ 7,485,534.00	\$ 7,516,759.00
Commission's Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	13.85%	14.26%	13.20%	13.12%	12.50%

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION

Notes to Required Supplementary Information
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

Note 1: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) - COMMISSION PLANChanges in Benefit Terms

None

Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate used as of September 30 measurement date is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2024	3.81%	2020	2.21%
2023	4.09%	2019	2.66%
2022	4.02%	2018	4.18%
2021	2.26%	2017	3.64%

Note 2: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - PENSION**Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)**Changes in Benefit Terms

Chapter 249, P.L. 2023 extends provisions of Chapter 498, P.L. 2021 for calendar years 2023 or 2024 to allow for a temporary return to employment by a former employee of the Legislature after retirement from PERS.

Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate used as of June 30 measurement date is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2024	7.00%	2019	6.28%
2023	7.00%	2018	5.66%
2022	7.00%	2017	5.00%
2021	7.00%	2016	3.98%
2020	7.00%	2015	4.90%

The long-term expected rate of return used as of June 30 measurement date is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2024	7.00%	2019	7.00%
2023	7.00%	2018	7.00%
2022	7.00%	2017	7.00%
2021	7.00%	2016	7.65%
2020	7.00%	2015	7.90%

SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

	Unrestricted			Restricted				Total
	Revenue	Operating	General Reserve	Debt Service	Debt Service Reserve	Reserve Maintenance	Other	
Operating Revenues:								
Tolls and Violations	\$ 47,823,318.66							\$ 47,823,318.66
Miscellaneous	2,497,242.51						\$ 8,811.46	2,506,053.97
Operating Expenses:								
Administration:								
Salaries and Wages		\$ (2,192,038.85)						(2,192,038.85)
Employee Benefits		(729,010.62)					(2,647.44)	(731,658.06)
Other Expenses		(326,352.10)						(326,352.10)
Cost of Providing Service:								
Salaries and Wages		(4,624,169.35)						(4,624,169.35)
Employee Benefits		(2,839,946.46)					(10,589.75)	(2,850,536.21)
Other Expenses		(16,250,234.12)						(16,250,234.12)
Major Repairs Expense			\$ (5,517,985.60)					(5,517,985.60)
Depreciation		(6,984,106.96)						(6,984,106.96)
Operating Income (Loss)	50,320,561.17	(33,945,858.46)	(5,517,985.60)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	(4,425.73)	10,852,291.38
Non-operating Income (Expenses):								
Investment Income	290,389.43	2,007,695.46	1,385,274.31	166,112.34	499,553.76	21,955.98	121,790.14	4,492,771.42
Interest Expense on Leases			(9,725.64)					(9,725.64)
Interest on Bonds			739,865.31	(2,149,737.50)				(1,409,872.19)
American Rescue Plan			20,551,035.12					20,551,035.12
Contribution to Burlington County Per N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-1			(1,950,000.00)					(1,950,000.00)
Gain on Disposal of Capital Assets		38,286.02						38,286.02
Total Non-Operating Income (Expense)	290,389.43	2,045,981.48	20,716,449.10	(1,983,625.16)	499,553.76	21,955.98	121,790.14	21,712,494.73
Income (Loss) before Transfers	50,610,950.60	(31,899,876.98)	15,198,463.50	(1,983,625.16)	499,553.76	21,955.98	117,364.41	32,564,786.11
Transfers	(50,610,950.60)	32,156,801.98	17,636,022.61	1,983,625.16	(1,026,178.76)	(21,955.98)	(117,364.41)	
Change in Net Position	-	256,925.00	32,834,486.11	-	(526,625.00)	-	-	32,564,786.11
Net Position Oct. 1, Restated	-	3,433,426.20	97,580,899.75	-	7,049,237.50	500,000.00	-	108,563,563.45
Net Position Sept. 30	\$ -	\$ 3,690,351.20	\$130,415,385.86	\$ -	\$ 6,522,612.50	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 141,128,349.56
Analysis of Balance:								
Net Investment in Capital Assets			\$ 77,427,337.39					\$ 77,427,337.39
Restricted:								
Bond Resolution Covenants		\$ 3,690,351.20			\$ 6,522,612.50	\$ 500,000.00		10,712,963.70
Unrestricted			52,988,048.47					52,988,048.47
	\$ -	\$ 3,690,351.20	\$130,415,385.86	\$ -	\$ 6,522,612.50	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 141,128,349.56

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Schedule of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements and Changes in Cash and Cash Equivalents
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

	Unrestricted			Restricted					
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>General Reserve</u>	<u>Reserve Maintenance</u>	<u>Construction Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Debt Service Reserve</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents : Balance - October 1, 2023	\$ 10,616,838.71	\$ 52,835,315.43	\$ 25,555,074.86	\$ 500,004.30	\$ 3,534,830.66	\$ 6,745,364.70	\$ 10,217,159.25	\$ 48,887.70	\$ 110,053,475.61
Cash Receipts:									
Tolls	14,553,806.04								14,553,806.04
Violations	1,658,924.10								1,658,924.10
E-ZPass Receivable	31,836,032.00								31,836,032.00
Investment Income (Loss)	290,313.61	2,007,695.46	1,385,274.31	22,053.40	129,459.51	167,190.76	499,667.49	1,215.44	4,502,869.98
Other Accounts Receivable	2,012,283.18								2,012,283.18
Unearned Revenue	7,062,616.75								7,062,616.75
Miscellaneous Income	536,383.68							8,811.46	545,195.14
Cash Received for Disposed Assets		50,281.02							50,281.02
Transfers In		43,148,221.86	13,850,000.00			6,756,014.48			63,754,236.34
Total Cash Receipts Available	68,567,198.07	98,041,513.77	40,790,349.17	522,057.70	3,664,290.17	13,668,569.94	10,716,826.74	58,914.60	236,029,720.16
Cash Disbursements:									
Budgetary		23,741,762.11						13,237.19	23,754,999.30
Major Repairs and Expenses		5,517,985.60							5,517,985.60
Unrestricted Accounts Payable		4,958,097.02						33,288.14	4,991,385.16
Accrued Expenses Payable		257,559.55							257,559.55
Restricted Accounts Payable		23,356.01							23,356.01
Prepaid Expenses		1,336,568.52							1,336,568.52
Capital Acquisitions		842,105.91			2,319,509.57				3,161,615.48
Debt Principal						4,780,000.00			4,780,000.00
Lease Principal		132,281.27							132,281.27
Retainage Payable		49,950.14							49,950.14
Accrued Interest Payable		9,725.64				2,269,237.50			2,278,963.14
Transfers Out	63,732,182.96			22,053.38					63,754,236.34
Total Cash Disbursements	63,732,182.96	36,869,391.77	-	22,053.38	2,319,509.57	7,049,237.50	-	46,525.33	110,038,900.51
Cash and Cash Equivalents : Balance - September 30, 2024	\$ 4,835,015.11	\$ 61,172,122.00	\$ 40,790,349.17	\$ 500,004.32	\$ 1,344,780.60	\$ 6,619,332.44	\$ 10,716,826.74	\$ 12,389.27	\$ 125,990,819.65

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	Adopted Budget	Modifications/ Transfers	Modified Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Revenues:					
Tolls and Violations	\$ 41,104,000.00	\$ (20,607,516.00)	\$ 20,496,484.00	\$ 47,823,318.66	\$ 27,326,834.66
Miscellaneous Income	120,000.00		120,000.00	550,977.77	430,977.77
Total Operating Revenues	41,224,000.00	(20,607,516.00)	20,616,484.00	48,374,296.43	27,757,812.43
Non-Operating Revenues:					
Investment Income	40,000.00		40,000.00	4,492,771.42	4,452,771.42
American Rescue Plan		22,657,516.00	22,657,516.00	20,551,035.12	(2,106,480.88)
Total Non-Operating Revenues	40,000.00	22,657,516.00	22,697,516.00	25,043,806.54	2,346,290.54
Total Anticipated Revenues	41,264,000.00	2,050,000.00	43,314,000.00	73,418,102.97	30,104,102.97
Cost of Providing Service:					
Toll Collection:					
Salaries	3,928,895.00	(3,800,000.00)	128,895.00		128,895.00
Salaries - ARP		500,000.00	500,000.00	229,534.18	270,465.82
Toll Collections - ARP		3,300,000.00	3,300,000.00	2,918,842.21	381,157.79
Uniforms	10,000.00	(10,000.00)			
Services	34,000.00		34,000.00	28,889.80	5,110.20
Other Expenses	2,000.00	(2,000.00)			
Minor Tools and Equipment	5,000.00	65,500.00	70,500.00	70,361.34	138.66
Materials and Supplies	17,500.00	(2,365.00)	15,135.00	13,769.52	1,365.48
Travel & Meetings	750.00	4,500.00	5,250.00	3,724.91	1,525.09
Membership Dues	750.00		750.00	750.00	
Total Toll Collection	3,998,895.00	55,635.00	4,054,530.00	3,265,871.96	788,658.04
Police:					
Salaries	3,067,481.00	(2,800,000.00)	267,481.00		267,481.00
Salaries - ARP		2,800,000.00	2,800,000.00	2,490,202.63	309,797.37
Uniforms	35,000.00	35,987.00	70,987.00	1,813.80	69,173.20
Other Professional Expenses	25,000.00	1,852.89	26,852.89	26,852.89	
Subscriptions	5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00
Services	8,000.00	(1,852.89)	6,147.11	3,391.37	2,755.74
Other Expenses	22,000.00	40.63	22,040.63	7,200.70	14,839.93
Materials and Supplies	123,700.00	(6,081.00)	117,619.00	6,474.52	111,144.48
Travel and Meetings	4,500.00		4,500.00		4,500.00
Membership Dues	2,000.00		2,000.00	250.00	1,750.00
Lease Vehicles		95,000.00	95,000.00		95,000.00
Telephone	3,000.00		3,000.00	1,360.20	1,639.80
Total Police	3,295,681.00	124,946.63	3,420,627.63	2,537,546.11	883,081.52

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	Adopted Budget	Modifications/ Transfers	Modified Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Cost of Providing Service (Cont'd):					
Maintenance:					
Salaries	\$ 1,977,544.00	\$ (794,709.00)	\$ 1,182,835.00		\$ 1,182,835.00
Salaries - ARP		2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	\$ 1,672,566.75	327,433.25
Services	45,000.00	7,730.00	52,730.00	38,700.00	14,030.00
Landscaping	25,000.00		25,000.00	5,104.29	19,895.71
Land Lease	7,000.00		7,000.00	6,363.00	637.00
Trash	35,000.00		35,000.00	16,708.93	18,291.07
Equipment Rental	8,000.00		8,000.00	270.00	7,730.00
Electrical Maintenance	2,000.00	50,000.00	52,000.00	18,298.70	33,701.30
Other Expense	6,000.00		6,000.00	3,370.64	2,629.36
Uniforms	21,500.00	285.14	21,785.14	1,603.00	20,182.14
Membership Dues	600.00		600.00	225.00	375.00
Travel & Meetings	300.00		300.00		300.00
Minor Tools and Equipment	71,000.00		71,000.00	32,717.63	38,282.37
Materials and Supplies	417,000.00	(15,011.16)	401,988.84	171,886.99	230,101.85
Lease Vehicles		30,000.00	30,000.00		30,000.00
Engineering	5,000.00	247.61	5,247.61	2,443.17	2,804.44
Total Maintenance	2,620,944.00	1,278,542.59	3,899,486.59	1,970,258.10	1,929,228.49
Information Technology:					
Salaries	505,291.00	(505,291.00)			
Salaries - ARP		300,000.00	300,000.00	231,865.79	68,134.21
Other Expense	20,000.00	(15,525.96)	4,474.04	3,532.16	941.88
Other Professional Expenses	100,000.00	(66,259.80)	33,740.20	26,790.24	6,949.96
Materials and Supplies	30,000.00	(12,476.30)	17,523.70	8,573.09	8,950.61
Tools and Equipment	5,000.00	(5,000.00)			
Uniforms	2,000.00	(2,000.00)			
Meetings	2,000.00	(2,000.00)			
Membership Dues	3,000.00	(3,000.00)			
Travel	7,500.00		7,500.00	6,157.32	1,342.68
Data Processing	97,500.00	(25,377.91)	72,122.09	32,920.34	39,201.75
Telephone	180,000.00	19,806.90	199,806.90	185,221.48	14,585.42
EZ Pass	650,000.00		650,000.00	(49,108.94)	699,108.94
ETC	425,000.00	173,830.55	598,830.55	594,455.55	4,375.00
Security	174,000.00	(133,622.10)	40,377.90	40,377.90	
Support	300,000.00	84,848.40	384,848.40	379,848.40	5,000.00
Total Information Technology	2,501,291.00	(192,067.22)	2,309,223.78	1,460,633.33	848,590.45

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	Adopted Budget	Modifications/ Transfers	Modified Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Cost of Providing Service (Cont'd):					
Other Operations:					
Employee Benefits	\$ 5,474,000.00	\$ (3,800,000.00)	\$ 1,674,000.00	\$ 50,536.21	\$ 1,623,463.79
Employee Benefits - ARP		2,800,000.00	2,800,000.00	2,800,000.00	
General Supplies	2,000.00	(2,000.00)			
Utilities	639,500.00	(40,073.33)	599,426.67	366,530.99	232,895.68
Insurance	4,250,000.00	(4,154,519.46)	95,480.54		95,480.54
Insurance - ARP		6,057,516.00	6,057,516.00	5,933,892.85	123,623.15
PILOT Fees	51,500.00		51,500.00	50,943.48	556.52
Engineering - ARP		1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	
Other Expense	5,502,129.00	(1,077,980.21)	4,424,148.79	2,333,650.45	2,090,498.34
Total Other Operations	15,919,129.00	782,943.00	16,702,072.00	12,535,553.98	4,166,518.02
Total Cost of Providing Service	28,335,940.00	2,050,000.00	30,385,940.00	21,769,863.48	8,616,076.52
Administration:					
General Administrative:					
Salaries	2,087,514.00	(2,008,460.00)	79,054.00		79,054.00
Salaires - ARP		2,008,460.00	2,008,460.00	1,975,651.32	32,808.68
Employee Benefits	1,602,300.00	(1,500,000.00)	102,300.00		102,300.00
Employee Benefits - ARP		1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	731,658.06	768,341.94
Other Expenses	65,075.00	32,413.45	97,488.45	18,875.94	78,612.51
Materials & Supplies	25,200.00		25,200.00	9,936.88	15,263.12
Travel & Meetings	22,250.00	(1,500.00)	20,750.00	5,821.89	14,928.11
Membership Dues	12,300.00	30.00	12,330.00	4,181.81	8,148.19
Data Processing	25,000.00	2,382.21	27,382.21	7,288.21	20,094.00
Postage	12,200.00	838.49	13,038.49	2,101.22	10,937.27
Printing and Binding	1,000.00	(30.00)	970.00	788.97	181.03
Legal	331,000.00		331,000.00	63,107.32	267,892.68
Accounting	120,000.00		120,000.00	88,988.00	31,012.00
Engineering	85,000.00		85,000.00		85,000.00
Other Professional Services	116,500.00	6,466.17	122,966.17	47,359.44	75,606.73
Total General Administrative	4,505,339.00	40,600.32	4,545,939.32	2,955,759.06	1,590,180.26
Economic Development:					
Services					
Advertising	10,000.00	(2,000.00)	8,000.00	1,962.94	6,037.06
Legal	225,000.00		225,000.00	21,696.60	203,303.40
Engineering	117,050.00		117,050.00		117,050.00
Printing & Binding	1,000.00		1,000.00	259.37	740.63
Other Professional Services	25,000.00		25,000.00	45.00	24,955.00
Other Expenses	80,000.00	(1,500.00)	78,500.00	250.00	78,250.00
Office Supplies	9,000.00		9,000.00	3,069.28	5,930.72
Subscriptions	1,800.00	3,548.00	5,348.00	5,153.40	194.60
Meetings	3,000.00		3,000.00	1,390.00	1,610.00
Membership Dues	5,750.00		5,750.00	1,100.00	4,650.00
Travel	6,000.00		6,000.00	433.77	5,566.23
Energy Aggregation	10,000.00		10,000.00		10,000.00
Total Economic Development	493,600.00	48.00	493,648.00	35,360.36	458,287.64

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	Adopted Budget	Modifications/ Transfers	Modified Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Administration (Cont'd):					
Improvement Authority:					
Postage	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Other Prof Services	368,093.00	\$ (40,714.14)	327,378.86	\$ 100.00	327,278.86
Other Expenses	15,000.00		15,000.00		15,000.00
Meetings	2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00
Total Improvement Authority	386,093.00	(40,714.14)	345,378.86	100.00	345,278.86
Palmyra Nature Cove:					
Salaries	391,540.00	(391,540.00)			
Salaries - ARP		391,540.00	391,540.00	216,387.53	175,152.47
Postage	500.00		500.00		500.00
Printing & Binding	1,500.00		1,500.00		1,500.00
Legal Services	15,000.00		15,000.00		15,000.00
Engineering Services	90,000.00		90,000.00		90,000.00
Other Professional Services	30,000.00		30,000.00	4,241.46	25,758.54
Services	3,900.00		3,900.00	15.00	3,885.00
Other Expenses	16,000.00		16,000.00	4,873.44	11,126.56
Sustainability Trees	35,000.00		35,000.00	29,939.00	5,061.00
Supplies	8,850.00	65.82	8,915.82	3,373.16	5,542.66
Minor Tools and Equipment	15,000.00		15,000.00		15,000.00
Events	2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00
Exhibits	4,000.00		4,000.00		4,000.00
Total Palmyra Nature Cove	613,290.00	65.82	613,355.82	258,829.59	354,526.23
Total Administration	5,998,322.00	-	5,998,322.00	3,250,049.01	2,748,272.99
Total Principal Payments on Debt Service in Lieu of Depreciation	4,780,000.00	-	4,780,000.00	4,780,000.00	-
Total Operating Appropriations	39,114,262.00	2,050,000.00	41,164,262.00	29,799,912.49	11,364,349.51
Non-Operating Appropriations:					
Contribution to Burlington County	1,950,000.00		1,950,000.00	1,950,000.00	
Interest on Bonds	2,149,738.00	-	2,149,738.00	1,409,872.19	739,865.81
Total Non-Operating Appropriations	4,099,738.00	-	4,099,738.00	3,359,872.19	739,865.81
Total Operating and Non-Operating Appropriations	43,214,000.00	2,050,000.00	45,264,000.00	33,159,784.68	12,104,215.32
Excess Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (1,950,000.00)	\$ -	\$ (1,950,000.00)	\$ 40,258,318.29	\$ 42,208,318.29

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Reconciliation of Actual Expenditures

Cash Disbursements	\$ 21,799,923.10
Accounts Payable	4,746,196.83
Change in Accrued Other Postemployment Benefits	1,206,739.64
Change in Pension Related Liabilities	(1,839,269.00)
Change in Accrued Wages	(107,912.27)
Prepaid Expenses Applied	1,164,234.19
Bond Principal	4,780,000.00
Interest on Bonds	1,409,872.19
	<u>\$ 33,159,784.68</u>

Reconciliation to Operating Income

Excess Revenues over Expenditures (Schedule 3)	\$ 40,258,318.29
Add	
Principal Payments on Bonds	\$ 4,780,000.00
Reclassification of Budget Refund for GAAP	1,955,076.20
Contribution to Burlington County Per N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-1	1,950,000.00
Interest on Bonds	1,409,872.19
	<u>10,094,948.39</u>
	50,353,266.68
Less:	
Investment Income	(4,492,771.42)
American Rescue Plan	(20,551,035.12)
Reclassification of Budget Refund for GAAP	(1,955,076.20)
Depreciation	(6,984,106.96)
Provision for Major Repairs	(5,517,985.60)
	<u>(39,500,975.30)</u>
Total Operating Income (Exhibit B)	<u>\$ 10,852,291.38</u>

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
 Analysis of Toll Revenue - Cash and Credit Cards
 For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

Category	Current Year			Prior Year			Increase / (Decrease)		% Change	
	Rate	Units	Revenue	Rate	Units	Revenue	Units	Revenue	Units	Revenue
Auto, Lt. Trucks, Vans	\$ 4.00	3,468,375	\$ 13,873,792.00	\$ 4.00	3,470,840	\$ 13,883,652.00	(2,465)	\$ (9,860.00)	-0.07%	-0.07%
Buses or Dual Wheel Pickups:										
2 Axle	6.00	5,261	31,598.00	6.00	5,433	32,650.00	(172)	(1,052.00)	-3.17%	-3.22%
3 Axle	9.00	9	81.00	9.00	31	279.00	(22)	(198.00)	-70.97%	-70.97%
Extra Axle	3.00	13,996	41,988.00	3.00	14,262	42,786.00	(266)	(798.00)	-1.87%	-1.87%
Trucks:										
2 Axle	12.00	26,319	315,832.00	12.00	27,556	330,676.00	(1,237)	(14,844.00)	-4.49%	-4.49%
3 Axle	18.00	3,295	59,310.00	18.00	2,777	49,986.00	518	9,324.00	18.65%	18.65%
4 Axle	24.00	906	21,744.00	24.00	836	20,064.00	70	1,680.00	8.37%	8.37%
5 Axle	30.00	5,745	172,350.00	30.00	5,415	162,450.00	330	9,900.00	6.09%	6.09%
Extra Axle	6.00	2,087	12,522.00	6.00	2,178	13,068.00	(91)	(546.00)	-4.18%	-4.18%
		<u>3,525,993</u>	<u>14,529,217.00</u>		<u>3,529,328</u>	<u>14,535,611.00</u>	<u>(3,335)</u>	<u>(6,394.00)</u>	-0.09%	-0.04%
Over / (Short)			<u>24,589.04</u>			<u>3,510.83</u>		<u>21,078.21</u>		600.38%
			<u>\$ 14,553,806.04</u>			<u>\$ 14,539,121.83</u>		<u>\$ 14,684.21</u>		0.10%

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BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
 Analysis of Toll Revenue - Electronic Toll Collection
 For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

Category	Current Year			Prior Year			Increase / (Decrease)		% Change	
	Rate	Units	Revenue	Rate	Units	Revenue	Units	Revenue	Units	Revenue
Auto, Lt. Trucks, Vans	\$ 3.00	8,396,919	\$ 25,190,856.00	\$ 3.00	8,440,234	\$ 25,321,224.00	(43,315)	\$ (130,368.00)	-0.51%	-0.51%
Buses or Dual										
Wheel Pickups:										
2 Axle	5.00	2,957	14,806.00	5.00	12,953	64,894.00	(9,996)	(50,088.00)	-77.17%	-77.18%
3 Axle	8.00	45	360.00	8.00	319	2,552.00	(274)	(2,192.00)	-85.89%	-85.89%
Extra Axle	2.00	29,403	58,806.00	2.00	37,461	74,922.00	(8,058)	(16,116.00)	-21.51%	-21.51%
Trucks:										
2 Axle	12.00	185,452	2,225,427.00	12.00	167,855	2,014,266.00	17,597	211,161.00	10.48%	10.48%
3 Axle	18.00	53,591	964,638.00	18.00	50,294	905,292.00	3,297	59,346.00	6.56%	6.56%
4 Axle	24.00	21,556	517,344.00	24.00	23,137	555,288.00	(1,581)	(37,944.00)	-6.83%	-6.83%
5 Axle	30.00	83,493	2,504,790.00	30.00	81,360	2,440,800.00	2,133	63,990.00	2.62%	2.62%
Extra Axle	6.00	11,481	68,886.00	6.00	10,312	61,872.00	1,169	7,014.00	11.34%	11.34%
		<u>8,784,897</u>	<u>31,545,913.00</u>		<u>8,823,925</u>	<u>31,441,110.00</u>	<u>(39,028)</u>	<u>104,803.00</u>	<u>-0.44%</u>	<u>0.33%</u>
Allowances										
and Other Adjustments			<u>-</u>			<u>(75,798.00)</u>		<u>75,798.00</u>		<u>100.00%</u>
		<u>\$ 31,545,913.00</u>			<u>\$ 31,365,312.00</u>		<u>\$ 180,601.00</u>		<u>0.58%</u>	
Cash Received			\$ 14,553,806.04			\$ 14,539,121.83		\$ 14,684.21		0.10%
E-ZPass Transactions			<u>31,545,913.00</u>			<u>31,365,312.00</u>		<u>180,601.00</u>		<u>0.58%</u>
			<u>\$ 46,099,719.04</u>			<u>\$ 45,904,433.83</u>		<u>\$ 195,285.21</u>		<u>0.43%</u>

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION

Analysis of Investment Income Receivable
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

	<u>Balance</u> <u>Oct. 1, 2023</u>	<u>Investment</u> <u>Income Earned</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Sept. 30, 2024</u>
Unrestricted Assets:				
Revenue Account	\$ 1,691.12	\$ 290,389.43	\$ 290,313.61	\$ 1,766.94
Operating Account		2,007,695.46	2,007,695.46	
General Account		1,385,274.31	1,385,274.31	
	<u>1,691.12</u>	<u>3,683,359.20</u>	<u>3,683,283.38</u>	<u>1,766.94</u>
Restricted Assets:				
Unemployment Compensation		1,215.44	1,215.44	
Construction Fund	13,920.57	120,574.70	129,459.51	5,035.76
Debt Service	24,185.34	166,112.34	167,190.76	23,106.92
Debt Service Reserve	40,244.68	499,553.76	499,667.49	40,130.95
Reserve Maintenance	1,970.54	21,955.98	22,053.40	1,873.12
	<u>80,321.13</u>	<u>809,412.22</u>	<u>819,586.60</u>	<u>70,146.75</u>
Total Restricted Assets	<u>80,321.13</u>	<u>809,412.22</u>	<u>819,586.60</u>	<u>70,146.75</u>
	<u>\$ 82,012.25</u>	<u>\$ 4,492,771.42</u>	<u>\$ 4,502,869.98</u>	<u>\$ 71,913.69</u>

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION

Analysis of Improvements in Progress
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

Balance October 1, 2023		\$ 13,690,011.29
Add:		
Disbursed	\$ 2,821,854.79	
Accounts Payable	782,639.75	
Retainage Due Contractors	<u>47,943.60</u>	
		<u>3,652,438.14</u>
		17,342,449.43
Less:		
Transferred to Completed		<u>10,002,464.05</u>
Balance September 30, 2024		<u><u>\$ 7,339,985.38</u></u>

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Analysis of Other Accounts Receivable
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

	<u>Balance</u> <u>Oct. 1, 2023</u>	<u>Cash</u> <u>Receipts</u>	<u>Revenue</u> <u>Realized</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Sept. 30, 2024</u>
Grant Receivable	\$ 43,763.68	\$ 651.80	\$ 10.00	\$ 43,121.88
Violations	129,870.63	1,658,924.10	1,723,599.62	194,546.15
E-Z Pass Service Fees	<u>188,696.60</u>	<u>2,011,631.38</u>	<u>1,955,076.20</u>	<u>132,141.42</u>
	<u>\$ 362,330.91</u>	<u>\$ 3,671,207.28</u>	<u>\$ 3,678,685.82</u>	<u>\$ 369,809.45</u>

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION

Analysis of Unearned Revenue
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

	<u>Balance Oct. 1, 2023</u>	<u>Cash Receipts</u>	<u>Realized as Revenue</u>	<u>Balance Sept. 30, 2024</u>
Unearned Revenue:				
State & Federal Grants	\$ 13,922.51	\$ 1,843.75	\$ 5,782.63	\$ 9,983.63
County - ARP Lost Revenue	15,596,742.51	7,060,773.00	20,551,035.12	2,106,480.39
Total Unearned Revenue	<u>\$ 15,610,665.02</u>	<u>\$ 7,062,616.75</u>	<u>\$ 20,556,817.75</u>	<u>\$ 2,116,464.02</u>

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BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION

Analysis of Accrued Expenses Payable
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

	<u>Compensated Absences (Restated)</u>	<u>Early Retirement Incentive Programs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance October 1, 2023	\$ 2,266,864.21	\$ 287,612.00	\$ 2,117,822.85
Decreased by:			
Disbursed	125,235.55	132,324.00	257,559.55
Balance September 30, 2024	<u>\$ 2,141,628.66</u>	<u>\$ 155,288.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,860,263.30</u>

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION

Analysis of Accrued Interest Payable on Bonds
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

Balance October 1, 2023		\$ 1,194,368.75
Increased by:		
Accrued	\$ 2,149,737.50	
Net Amortization of Premium on Bonds	<u>(739,865.31)</u>	
		<u>1,409,872.19</u>
		2,604,240.94
Decreased by:		
Cash Disbursed	2,269,237.50	
Net Amortization of Premium on Bonds	<u>(739,865.31)</u>	
		<u>1,529,372.19</u>
Balance September 30, 2024		<u><u>\$ 1,074,868.75</u></u>

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Schedule of Revenue Bonds
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

Description	Date of Issue	Original Issue	Maturities		Rate	Balance		Balance		
			Date	Amount		Oct. 1, 2023	Decreased	Sept. 30, 2024		
Series 2013	04/18/13	\$ 46,290,000.00	10/01/24	\$ 2,215,000.00	5.00%					
			10/01/25	1,835,000.00	5.00%					
			10/01/26	1,425,000.00	4.00%					
			10/01/27	965,000.00	3.00%					
			10/01/28	750,000.00	3.25%					
			10/01/29	525,000.00	3.25%					
			10/01/30	280,000.00	3.25%					
			7,995,000.00		\$ 10,550,000.00	\$ 2,555,000.00	\$ 7,995,000.00			
Series 2017	10/31/17	44,730,000.00	10/01/24	2,270,000.00	5.00%					
			10/01/25	2,840,000.00	5.00%					
			10/01/26	3,470,000.00	5.00%					
			10/01/27	4,185,000.00	5.00%					
			10/01/28	4,055,000.00	5.00%					
			10/01/29	3,905,000.00	5.00%					
			10/01/30	3,740,000.00	5.00%					
			10/01/31	3,575,000.00	5.00%					
			10/01/32	3,100,000.00	3.00%					
			10/01/36	6,315,000.00	5.00%					
						37,455,000.00		39,680,000.00	2,225,000.00	37,455,000.00
					50,230,000.00	4,780,000.00	45,450,000.00			
Premium on Bonds - Amortized						3,359,807.96	739,865.31	2,619,942.65		
					\$ 53,589,807.96	\$ 5,519,865.31	\$ 48,069,942.65			

SCHEDULES REQUIRED BY TRUST INDENTURES
ASSOCIATED WITH THE ISSUANCE OF CONDUIT DEBT

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Schedule of Conduit Debt
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Issued Amount</u>	<u>Balance Oct. 1, 2023</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Balance Sept. 30, 2024</u>
Guaranteed by Other Government Entities:						
County Guaranteed Pooled Loan Revenue Bonds, Series 2010B	12/8/2010	\$ 17,675,000.00	\$ 980,000.00		\$ 105,000.00	\$ 875,000.00
County Guaranteed Loan Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A	3/11/2013	47,535,000.00	9,255,000.00		4,025,000.00	5,230,000.00
County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2013A	10/7/2013	29,380,000.00	17,685,000.00		17,685,000.00	
County Guaranteed Loan Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014A	1/2/2014	16,250,000.00	6,605,000.00		615,000.00	5,990,000.00
County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014	6/25/2014	10,605,000.00	1,085,000.00		840,000.00	245,000.00
County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2016	4/14/2016	27,660,000.00	22,290,000.00		2,030,000.00	20,260,000.00
Lenape Regional High School District Board of Education Lease Agreement	5/12/2016	2,175,000.00	1,330,000.00		149,000.00	1,181,000.00
County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016	8/4/2016	4,450,000.00	1,975,000.00		465,000.00	1,510,000.00
Board of Education of the Township of Delran Lease Agreement	9/14/2016	4,560,000.00	2,629,000.00		257,000.00	2,372,000.00
County Guaranteed Pooled Loan Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2017A	3/8/2017	18,925,000.00	5,200,000.00		1,545,000.00	3,655,000.00
Bass River Township School District Lease Agreement	4/4/2017	369,000.00	250,700.00		21,800.00	228,900.00
County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2018	4/23/2018	29,155,000.00	24,280,000.00		1,225,000.00	23,055,000.00
County Guaranteed Pooled Loan Revenue Bonds, Series 2018	9/6/2018	27,015,000.00	19,530,000.00		1,700,000.00	17,830,000.00
County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2019A	4/18/2019	20,775,000.00	18,145,000.00		1,635,000.00	16,510,000.00
County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2020C	11/12/2020	25,725,000.00	25,300,000.00		1,420,000.00	23,880,000.00
County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2021	4/14/2021	48,515,000.00	45,705,000.00		2,925,000.00	42,780,000.00
County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds (Solid Waste Project), Series 2021	12/15/2021	17,730,000.00	17,295,000.00		375,000.00	16,920,000.00
County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2022	4/13/2022	27,815,000.00	27,815,000.00		1,400,000.00	26,415,000.00
County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Notes, Series 2023A	4/11/2023	17,000,000.00	17,000,000.00		17,000,000.00	
County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2023C-1	8/8/2023	6,320,000.00	6,320,000.00			6,320,000.00
County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2023C-2	8/8/2023	21,750,000.00	21,750,000.00			21,750,000.00
County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Notes, Series 2023C-1	8/8/2023	4,900,000.00	4,900,000.00		4,900,000.00	
County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Notes, Series 2023C-2	8/8/2023	22,090,000.00	22,090,000.00		22,090,000.00	
County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Notes, Series 2023D	12/14/2023	10,000,000.00		\$ 10,000,000.00		10,000,000.00
County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Notes, Series 2024A	4/9/2024	17,000,000.00		17,000,000.00		17,000,000.00
County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Notes, Series 2024C-1	8/6/2024	4,900,000.00		4,900,000.00		4,900,000.00
County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Notes, Series 2024C-2	8/6/2024	22,090,000.00		22,090,000.00		22,090,000.00
Guaranteed by Other Government Entities			319,414,700.00	53,990,000.00	82,407,800.00	290,996,900.00
Other Series:						
Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey Economic Development Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2019	12/12/2019	33,850,000.00	32,010,000.00		625,000.00	31,385,000.00
Guaranteed by Other Entities			32,010,000.00	-	625,000.00	31,385,000.00
Total Conduit Debt			\$ 351,424,700.00	\$ 53,990,000.00	\$ 83,032,800.00	\$ 322,381,900.00

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Schedule of Trust Estates Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

	Lease Revenue Bonds						
	Series <u>2013A</u>	Series <u>2016</u>	Series <u>2018</u>	Series <u>2019</u>	Series <u>2020 C-1</u>	Series <u>2021</u>	Series <u>2022</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents October 1	\$ 1,640,215.20	\$ 2,529,816.69	\$ 522,092.25	\$ -	\$ 1,903.42	\$ 1,018,746.37	\$ 745,186.23
Increases:							
Investment Receipts	6,636.62	13,444.80	9,255.92		10,763.52	21,122.84	13,194.35
Receipts from Refunding Escrow	16,477,125.00						
Transferred Proceeds				51,236.19			
Lease/Loan Revenue		3,001,542.73	2,229,205.22	2,491,013.81	2,501,116.50	4,851,030.18	2,664,443.54
Total Increases	16,483,761.62	3,014,987.53	2,238,461.14	2,542,250.00	2,511,880.02	4,872,153.02	2,677,637.89
Decreases:							
Interest on Debt Paid	432,125.00	934,750.00	1,044,081.26	907,250.00	1,091,650.00	2,004,750.00	1,362,750.00
Debt Principal	17,685,000.00	2,030,000.00	1,225,000.00	1,635,000.00	1,420,000.00	2,925,000.00	1,400,000.00
Requisitions	6,851.82						
Total Decreases	18,123,976.82	2,964,750.00	2,269,081.26	2,542,250.00	2,511,650.00	4,929,750.00	2,762,750.00
Cash and Cash Equivalents September 30	\$ -	\$ 2,580,054.22	\$ 491,472.13	\$ -	\$ 2,133.44	\$ 961,149.39	\$ 660,074.12

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BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Schedule of Trust Estates Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

	Lease Revenue Bonds	Pooled Lease Refunding Bonds				
	Series <u>2023C</u>	Series <u>2011</u>	Series <u>2014</u>	Series <u>2016</u>	Series <u>2017</u>	Series <u>2021</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents October 1	\$ 14,273.42	\$ 43,027.90	\$ 31,650.98	\$ 6,858.91	\$ 13,847.79	\$ 509,551.93
Increases:						
Investment Receipts	667.36	346.37	5,029.82	927.17		3,953.81
Transfer Proceeds	1,493,168.04					
Lease/Loan Revenue			893,689.08	533,763.03		2,942,958.96
Total Increases	<u>1,493,835.40</u>	<u>346.37</u>	<u>898,718.90</u>	<u>534,690.20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,946,912.77</u>
Decreases:						
Interest on Debt Paid	1,493,168.04		54,250.00	69,700.00		267,407.50
Debt Principal			840,000.00	465,000.00		375,000.00
Transfer Proceeds	6,833.22					
Disbursement to Refunding Escrow		43,374.27	2,700.00	6,787.68	13,847.79	
Total Decreases	<u>1,500,001.26</u>	<u>43,374.27</u>	<u>896,950.00</u>	<u>541,487.68</u>	<u>13,847.79</u>	<u>642,407.50</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents September 30	<u>\$ 8,107.56</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 33,419.88</u>	<u>\$ 61.43</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,814,057.20</u>

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BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Schedule of Trust Estates Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

	Pooled Loan Revenue Bonds		Pooled Loan Refunding Bonds		
	Series <u>2010B</u>	Series <u>2018</u>	Series <u>2013A</u>	Series <u>2014A</u>	Series <u>2017A</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents October 1	\$ 129,318.45	\$ 14,052.96	\$ 5,313.15	\$ 4,221.21	\$ 12,423.41
Increases:					
Investment Receipts	690.22	10,931.75	17,303.83	3,776.83	8,748.00
Transferred Proceeds					6,236.12
Lease/Loan Revenue	148,051.85	2,626,114.77	4,360,610.18	884,788.79	1,742,042.67
Total Increases	148,742.07	2,637,046.52	4,377,914.01	888,565.62	1,757,026.79
Decreases:					
Interest on Debt Paid	41,218.76	926,800.00	347,175.00	270,300.00	208,000.00
Debt Principal	105,000.00	1,700,000.00	4,025,000.00	615,000.00	1,545,000.00
Transferred Proceeds		6,236.12			
Requisitions		4,500.00	2,500.00	3,058.95	4,550.00
Total Decreases	146,218.76	2,637,536.12	4,374,675.00	888,358.95	1,757,550.00
Cash and Cash Equivalents September 30	\$ 131,841.76	\$ 13,563.36	\$ 8,552.16	\$ 4,427.88	\$ 11,900.20

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BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Schedule of Trust Estates Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

Burlington County Lease Revenue Notes					
	Series <u>A</u>	Series <u>B</u>	Series <u>C-1</u>	Series <u>C-2</u>	Series <u>D</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents October 1	\$ 17,043,368.46	\$ 8,754,122.75	\$ 4,927,217.28	\$ 4,895,266.12	
Increases:					
Investment Receipts	566,097.59	411,504.60	149,658.48	181,928.98	59,690.13
Proceeds From the Issuance of Debt	17,155,890.00		4,950,029.00	22,315,538.90	10,128,900.00
Transferred Proceeds	11,330.14			15,307.45	
Lease/Loan Revenue	609,021.89		149,776.10	995,907.41	
Total Increases	18,342,339.62	411,504.60	5,249,463.58	23,508,682.74	10,188,590.13
Decreases:					
Interest on Debt Paid	678,111.11		220,000.00	991,176.25	
Debt Principal	17,000,000.00		4,900,000.00	22,090,000.00	
Transferred Proceeds	11,330.14	51,236.19	-	1,501,642.27	
Debt Issue Costs	123,916.61		12,069.36	174,581.22	115,333.30
Requisitions	8,886,499.90		2,648,564.40	1,442,796.24	9,781,563.48
Total Decreases	26,699,857.76	51,236.19	7,780,633.76	26,200,195.98	9,896,896.78
Cash and Cash Equivalents September 30	\$ 8,685,850.32	\$ 9,114,391.16	\$ 2,396,047.10	\$ 2,203,752.88	\$ 291,693.35

**BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE
COMMISSION**

PART II

SINGLE AUDIT SECTION

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR ITS MAJOR PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Chairperson and Members of
The Burlington County Bridge Commission
Palmyra, New Jersey

Report on Compliance for Its Major Federal Program

Opinion on Its Major Federal Program

We have audited the Burlington County Bridge Commission's (the Commission), in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, a component unit of the County of Burlington, compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the Commission's major federal program for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. The Commission's major federal program is identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs*.

In our opinion, the Burlington County Bridge Commission, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Its Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the audit requirements as prescribed by the Bureau of Authority Regulation, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey; the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards, the Uniform Guidance, are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section of our report.

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

In performing an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance, we:

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance (Cont'd)

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



BOWMAN & COMPANY LLP
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Voorhees, New Jersey
September 5, 2025

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

<u>Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title</u>	<u>Federal Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Additional Award Identification</u>	<u>Federal FAIN Number</u>	<u>Pass-through Entity ID Number</u>	<u>Program or Award Amount</u>	<u>Grant Period</u>	
						<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
U.S. Department of Treasury: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Passed through Burlington County American Rescue Plan	21.027	COVID-19	N/A	N/A	\$ 22,657,515.51	03/03/21	12/31/24

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements and Notes to Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards are an integral part of this schedule.

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

Balance September 30, 2023			Accrual Basis				Balance September 30, 2024	
Unearned Revenue (Accounts Receivable)	Due to Grantor	Cash Receipts	Pass Through Funds	Direct Funds	Total Expenditures	Passed- Through to Subrecipients	Accounts Receivable	Unearned Revenue
\$ 15,596,742.51	\$ -	\$ 7,060,773.00	\$ 20,551,035.12	\$ -	\$ 20,551,035.12	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,106,480.39

**BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE
COMMISSION**

PART III

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

Note 1: BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "schedule") includes federal award activity of the Burlington County Bridge Commission (hereafter referred to as the "Commission") under programs of the federal government for the year ended September 30, 2024. The Commission is defined in note 1 to the Commission's basic financial statements. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). All federal awards received directly from federal agencies, as well as federal financial assistance passed through other government agencies, are included on this schedule. Because this schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Commission, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position and changes in net position of the Commission.

Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented using the accrual basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is described in note 1 to the Commission's basic financial statements. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowed or are limited as to reimbursement. The expenditures reflected in the schedule are presented at the federal participation level; thus, any matching portion is not included.

Note 3: INDIRECT COST RATE

The Commission has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

Note 4: RELATIONSHIP TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedule agree with amounts reported in the Commission's basic financial statements.

Note 5: RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedule agree with the amounts reported in the related federal financial reports.

Note 6: MAJOR PROGRAMS

Major programs are identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs*.

Financial Statements

Federal Awards

Identification of major programs:

Dollar threshold used to determine Type A programs		<u>\$750,000.00</u>
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	yes x no	

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

Section 1- Summary of Auditor's Results (Cont'd)

<u>State Financial Assistance</u>	Not Applicable
Internal control over major programs:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	_____ yes _____ no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	_____ yes _____ none reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs	_____
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB?	_____ yes _____ no
Identification of major programs:	
<u>State Grant / Project #</u>	<u>Name of State Program</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Dollar threshold used to determine Type A programs	

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	_____ yes _____ no

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

Section 2- Schedule of Financial Statement Findings

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, fraud, noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements related to financial statements for which Government Auditing Standards and audit requirements as prescribed by the Bureau of Authority Regulation, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, requires.

None.

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

Section 3- Schedule of Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, material instances of noncompliance, including questioned costs, and significant instances of abuse related to the audit of major Federal programs, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

None.

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

Section 4- Schedule of State Financial Assistance Findings and Questioned Costs

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, material instances of noncompliance, including questioned costs, and significant instances of abuse related to the audit of major State programs, as required by State of New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB.

Not Applicable.

BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION
Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings
And Recommendations as Prepared by Management

This section identifies the status of prior year findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None.

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APPRECIATION

We express our appreciation for the courtesies extended and assistance rendered to us during the course of this audit.

Respectfully submitted,



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