

To the Board of Directors of
North Carolina Turnpike Authority
Raleigh, North Carolina

We have audited the statements of net position of the North Carolina Turnpike Authority (“NCTA”), a major enterprise fund of the State of North Carolina, and a business unit of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (“NCDOT”), as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and cash flows for the years then ended. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated July 13, 2016. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

SIGNIFICANT AUDIT FINDINGS

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the NCTA are described in the notes to the financial statements. As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the NCTA adopted and implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) Statement No. 72 *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, during the year ended June 30, 2016. This statement required the NCTA to disclose as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, the input level within the fair value hierarchy used to measure the fair value of the NCTA’s applicable investments. We noted no transactions entered into by the NCTA during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management’s knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the NCTA’s financial statements were:

Management’s estimate of depreciation expense was based on the anticipated useful lives of fixed assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management’s assessment of the fair value and the input level used to measure the fair value of the NCTA’s applicable investments under GASB Statement No. 72 is based on management’s assessment of the market for the applicable investments as of June 30, 2016 and 2015. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop this assessment in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management’s estimate of the securities lending collateral was based on the fair market value of assets pledged as collateral on securities as a part of the North Carolina State Treasurer’s Short-Term Investment Fund. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management’s estimate of the allowance for doubtful accounts is based on historical collections and losses recognized. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the allowance in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole. The estimate or therefore lack of an allowance is considered reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole, based on historical collections and losses actually incurred.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 19, 2016.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the NCTA's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as NCTA's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to management's discussion and analysis, schedule of proportionate share of net pension liability for Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System ("TSERS"), and schedule of contributions for TSERS, which are required supplementary information ("RSI") that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

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