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REQUIRED COMMUNICATION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS (SAS 114)

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We have audited the basic financial statements of the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (the Authority) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, 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 June 5, 2019. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Authority are described in Note 1 to the basic financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of the existing policies was not changed during fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. We noted no transactions entered into by the Authority during the fiscal year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the basic financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the basic 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 basic financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the Authority's basic financial statements were:

- **Estimated Useful Lives of Capital Assets** – Management estimates the lives of capital assets for purposes of calculating annual depreciation expense to be reported in the Authority's Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. Estimated useful lives range from 9 to 13 years for revenue transit vehicles; 3 to 10 years for shop, office, other equipment, and service vehicles; and 30 years for building and structures.
- **Self-Insurance Liability** – This represents management's estimate of the liability for public liability claims and workers' compensation claims to be paid for which the Authority is self-insured, and includes management's estimate of the ultimate costs for both reported claims and claims incurred but not reported.

- **Net Pension Liability and Post-Employment Benefits Other than Pension Benefits (OPEB) Liability** – These are based on actuarial evaluations, which involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and probabilities about the occurrence of future events far into the future.

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the accounting estimates used in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain basic financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to basic financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the basic financial statements were the disclosures of capital assets and depreciation, employees' retirement pension plan and the net pension liability, risk management self-insurance liability, and the OPEB plan and the net OPEB liability in Notes 5, 7, 8, and 11, respectively, of the basic financial statements.

The basic 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 basic 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 basic 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 December 9, 2019.

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 Authority's basic 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 the Authority'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 the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), Schedule of Changes in the Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios, Schedule of Investment Returns – Pension, Schedule of Contributions – Pension, Schedule of Changes in the OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, Schedule of Investment Returns – OPEB, and Schedule of Contributions – OPEB, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplement 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.

We were engaged to report on schedule of expenditures of federal awards, which accompany the basic financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary schedule, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the basic financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary schedule to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves.

We were not engaged to report on the statistical section, which accompanies the basic financial statements but are not RSI. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the Administrative and Finance Committee, Board of Directors, and management of the Authority and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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