

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
(A Component Unit of the Massachusetts
Department of Transportation)

Financial Statements and
Supplementary Information

June 30, 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Advisory Board

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position and, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the 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 audit opinion.

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 Berkshire Regional Transit Authority'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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 GAAS 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 GAAS 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 Berkshire Regional Transit Authority'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 Berkshire Regional Transit Authority'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 on page 5 and the Schedules of Changes in Net Pension Liability, Related Ratios, and Pension Contributions on pages 24 and 25, 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 GAAS, 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 Berkshire Regional Transit Authority's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information on pages 26 and 27 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited Berkshire Regional Transit Authority's June 30, 2024 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated September 26, 2024. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 18, 2025 on our consideration of the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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 Berkshire Regional Transit Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.


ADELSON & COMPANY PC

September 18, 2025

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

The Berkshire Regional Transit Authority's (the Authority) management discussion and analysis for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 is designed to assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, provide an overview of the Authority's financial activity and identify changes in the Authority's financial position.

Reporting Entity

The Authority provides public transportation and operates under Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 161B as a body politic and a corporate and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Authority is a component unit of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Massachusetts provides funding to the Authority. See Note 1 to the financial statements for additional information on the reporting entity.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Authority exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at June 30, 2025 by \$14,318,526.
- The Authority's cost of operations were fully covered with operating revenues (fixed route and demand response income, advertising, rental and other miscellaneous income) and government support (federal, state, and local operating subsidies). See the Authority's net cost of service calculation on page 27 of the financial statements.
- The Authority's total net position had a net increase of \$494,711 from fiscal year 2024. The primary components consist of contributed capital from the federal and state government for the acquisition of capital assets of \$1,923,721, less non-reimbursable depreciation on capital assets of \$1,459,065, an increase in the Authority's reserve of \$5,248 as allowed under M.G.L. 161B Section 6(q), and a decrease in the Authority's net pension liability and other deferred outflows and inflows of resources of \$24,807 which are non-reimbursable items at this time.
- Operating revenues decreased \$291,587 or 49% from fiscal year 2024. Fixed route income decreased \$265,384 due to fare-free events in July 2024, and from December 2024 through June 2025. Demand response revenue decreased by \$26,203.
- Operating expenses increased \$961,523 or 10% from fiscal year 2024 due to an increase in fixed route service of \$677,757 due to increased wages, fuel prices and maintenance costs, an increase in demand response expenses of \$172,565, an increase in administrative expenses of \$82,902 due to increased wages and benefits, and an increase in other operating expenses of \$28,299, which was funded with specific grants from the federal and state government.
- The Authority expended \$1,923,721 on capital assets, all of which was paid for by the federal and state government.

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- The Authority's operations are funded annually through a state required computation of the net cost of service. Except for the establishment of a restricted reserve, the Authority's funding cannot exceed its net cost of service. However, a deficit can result if funding is not sufficient to cover expenses.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The Authority is a component unit of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation formed for the purpose of carrying out business-type activities in 30 western Massachusetts communities. The Authority's financial statements consist of three main statements: Statement of Net Position, Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position, and Statement of Cash Flows. Notes and supplementary information that disclose information about the nature of the Authority's business, accounting policies and additional information about specific statement amounts follow these statements.

The Authority's net position consists of its net investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, revenue vehicles and office equipment), less any debt used to acquire those assets, and working capital held by the Authority's fixed route and paratransit operators. The Authority uses these capital assets and working capital held by the fixed route and paratransit operators to provide transportation services to individuals within its service area. Although the Authority's capital assets are reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt, if any, must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The Authority currently has no capital lease obligations or capital debt. Net position also consists of a restricted reserve for extraordinary expenses as allowed by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 161B Section 6(q). Unfunded deficits are reported as unrestricted net position.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position report the results of both operating and non-operating activities. The Statement of Cash Flows, which is presented using the direct method, accounts for the change in the cash and equivalents balance between July 1 and June 30. The cash flows statement provides the detail on the cash the Authority received from and paid for operating and non-operating activities, investing, and financing activities.

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A summary of the Authority's net position consisted of the following at June 30:

Summary of Net Position

	<u>6/30/2025</u>	<u>6/30/2024</u>	<u>Change</u>
Current assets	\$ 7,229,941	\$ 7,275,321	\$ (45,380)
Leases receivable	108,009	31,807	76,202
Property and equipment, net	13,629,542	13,168,139	461,403
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>509,459</u>	<u>374,383</u>	<u>135,076</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>21,476,951</u>	<u>20,849,650</u>	<u>627,301</u>
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	517,299	596,312	(79,013)
Note payable	5,600,000	5,600,000	-
Net pension liability	721,004	603,493	117,511
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>320,122</u>	<u>226,030</u>	<u>94,092</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>7,158,425</u>	<u>7,025,835</u>	<u>132,590</u>
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	13,629,542	13,168,139	461,403
Restricted			
Reserve	215,177	209,929	5,248
Working capital held by fixed route and paratransit operator	713,741	713,741	-
Unrestricted	<u>(239,934)</u>	<u>(267,994)</u>	<u>28,060</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 14,318,526</u>	<u>\$ 13,823,815</u>	<u>\$ 494,711</u>

Restricted net position

The Authority's restricted net position represents amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of state laws, externally imposed conditions by grantors or creditors, and other restrictions for a particular purpose. The Authority's restricted net position consisted of the following at June 30:

	<u>6/30/2025</u>	<u>6/30/2024</u>	<u>Change</u>
Restricted net position			
Accumulated reserve established under Massachusetts			
General Laws for extraordinary expenses	\$ 215,177	\$ 209,929	\$ 5,248
Working capital held by fixed route and paratransit operator	<u>713,741</u>	<u>713,741</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 928,918</u>	<u>\$ 923,670</u>	<u>\$ 5,248</u>

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

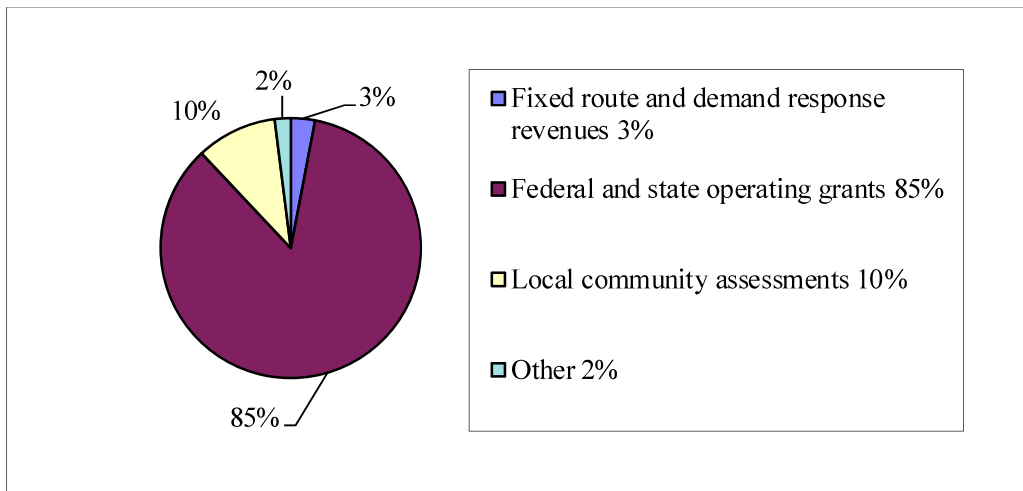
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

A summary of the Authority's change in fund net position consisted of the following at June 30:

**Summary of Statement of Revenues, Expenses
and Changes in Fund Net Position**

	<u>6/30/2025</u>	<u>6/30/2024</u>	<u>Change</u>
Operating revenues	\$ 302,804	\$ 594,391	\$ (291,587)
Operating expenses	10,324,611	9,363,088	961,523
Depreciation expense	<u>1,462,318</u>	<u>1,481,641</u>	<u>(19,323)</u>
Operating income (loss)	(11,484,125)	(10,250,338)	(1,233,787)
Non-operating revenues (expenses)	<u>10,055,115</u>	<u>8,882,288</u>	<u>1,172,827</u>
Income (loss) before capital contributions	(1,429,010)	(1,368,050)	(60,960)
Capital contributions	<u>1,923,721</u>	<u>3,656,094</u>	<u>(1,732,373)</u>
Change in net position	494,711	2,288,044	(1,793,333)
Net position, beginning	<u>13,823,815</u>	<u>11,535,771</u>	<u>2,288,044</u>
Net position, ending	<u><u>\$ 14,318,526</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 13,823,815</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 494,711</u></u>

Total Operating and Non-operating
Revenues of \$10,576,713 by Source

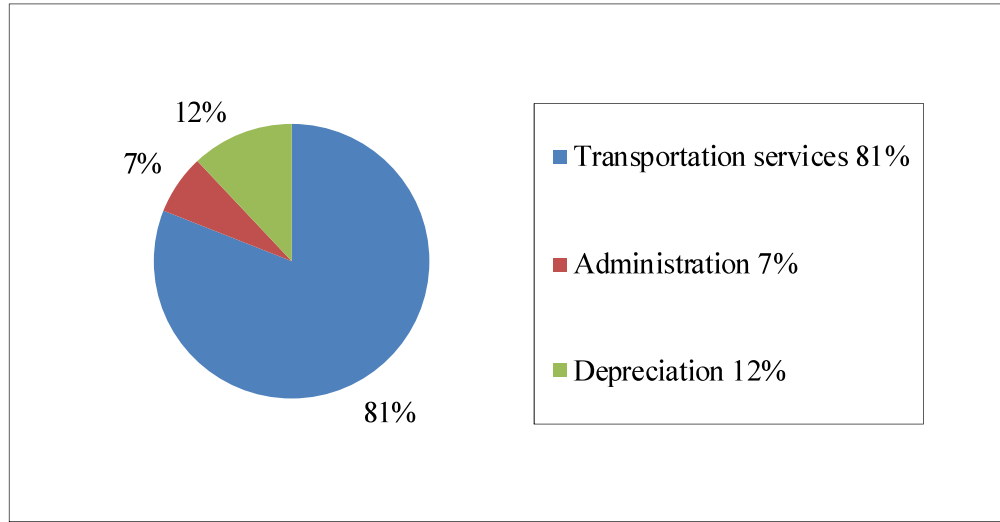


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Total Operating and Non-operating
Expenses of \$12,005,723 by Source



Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets

The Authority's net increase in capital assets during the year ending June 30, 2025 was \$461,403. The Authority primarily acquires its capital assets under federal and state capital grants. During fiscal year 2025, the Authority acquired the following assets, which were all covered by capital grants:

Two 2023 Gillig Hybrid Low Floor 35' buses	\$ 1,660,608
Equipment for fixed route buses	22,736
Vehicle lift	47,695
Computer and server equipment	18,036
Facility improvements	<u>174,646</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,923,721</u>

The details on capital assets totaling \$13,629,542, net of accumulated depreciation, are disclosed in Note 6 of the financial statements.

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Revenue Anticipation Notes

At the end of fiscal year 2025, the Authority had a revenue anticipation note payable of \$5,600,000 maturing on July 25, 2025 at a rate of 4.50%. On July 25, 2025, the Authority issued a \$5,700,000 revenue anticipation note maturing on July 25, 2026 at a rate of 4.00%. The Authority repaid the \$5,600,000 note due July 25, 2025. This note provides cash flow until federal and state appropriations and local assessments are received.

Economic Factors

Funding for the Authority's net cost of service (non-capital expenses less all non-capital revenues except state contract assistance and member municipality assessments) is dependent primarily on operating assistance from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Authority's net cost of service is also funded through assessments to member municipalities. These assessments may increase annually in the aggregate by no more than 2.5%, plus the members' share of any new services. Local assessments continue to be funded in arrears (1.5 years behind). This contributes in large part to the Authority's borrowing needs.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Authority's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Berkshire Regional Transit Authority, One Columbus Avenue – Suite 201, Pittsfield, MA, 01201.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30,

	<u>2025</u>	<u>Comparative 2024</u>
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 822,892	\$ 1,372,655
Receivables	5,618,819	5,151,441
Prepaid expenses	21,864	9,991
Working capital held by fixed route and paratransit operator	713,741	713,741
Lease receivables	<u>52,625</u>	<u>27,493</u>
Total current assets	7,229,941	7,275,321
Leases receivable, long-term	108,009	31,807
Property and equipment, net	<u>13,629,542</u>	<u>13,168,139</u>
Total assets	<u>20,967,492</u>	<u>20,475,267</u>
Deferred outflows of resources		
Related to pension	<u>509,459</u>	<u>374,383</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	7,821	8,517
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	10,056	8,405
Compensated absences	3,387	18,570
Unearned revenue	262,310	325,902
Accrued interest	233,725	234,918
Note payable	5,600,000	5,600,000
Net pension liability	<u>721,004</u>	<u>603,493</u>
Total liabilities	6,838,303	6,799,805
Deferred inflows of resources		
Related to leases	151,197	54,882
Related to pension	<u>168,925</u>	<u>171,148</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>320,122</u>	<u>226,030</u>
Net position		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	13,629,542	13,168,139
Restricted		
Reserve	215,177	209,929
Working capital held by fixed route and paratransit operator	713,741	713,741
Unrestricted	<u>(239,934)</u>	<u>(267,994)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 14,318,526</u>	<u>\$ 13,823,815</u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION

For the Year Ended June 30,

	2025	Comparative 2024
Operating revenues		
Fixed route income	\$ 251,480	\$ 516,864
Demand response income	51,324	77,527
Total operating revenues	<u>302,804</u>	<u>594,391</u>
Operating expenses		
Fixed route service	6,951,668	6,273,911
Demand response service	2,338,724	2,166,159
Other operating expenses	243,055	214,756
Administrative salaries, taxes and fringe benefits	524,437	423,755
Administrative expenses	266,727	284,507
Depreciation expense	1,462,318	1,481,641
Total operating expenses	<u>11,786,929</u>	<u>10,844,729</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>(11,484,125)</u>	<u>(10,250,338)</u>
Non-operating revenues (expenses)		
Government assistance		
Federal	3,448,814	3,189,895
Massachusetts contract assistance	4,633,781	4,257,320
Massachusetts fare free program	602,094	115,098
Member communities	1,102,782	1,075,885
Other federal and state assistance	299,291	214,756
Advertising income	36,890	38,611
Rental income	50,848	55,208
Other income	29,350	109,415
Interest income	70,059	34,118
Interest expense	(218,794)	(208,018)
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	<u>10,055,115</u>	<u>8,882,288</u>
Income (loss) before capital contributions	(1,429,010)	(1,368,050)
Capital contributions	<u>1,923,721</u>	<u>3,656,094</u>
Change in net position	494,711	2,288,044
Net position, beginning	<u>13,823,815</u>	<u>11,535,771</u>
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 14,318,526</u>	<u>\$ 13,823,815</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Year Ended June 30,

	2025	Comparative 2024
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers	\$ 287,140	\$ 586,885
Payments for goods and services	(10,037,585)	(8,414,239)
Payments to employees	(542,574)	(543,289)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(10,293,019)</u>	<u>(8,370,643)</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:		
Receipts of operating grants	9,884,039	8,805,996
Proceeds from issuing revenue anticipation notes	5,600,000	5,600,000
Repayments of revenue anticipation notes	(5,600,000)	(5,350,000)
Interest paid, net of premiums	(219,987)	(174,576)
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	<u>9,664,052</u>	<u>8,881,420</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Receipts of capital grants	1,932,866	2,947,606
Payments for capital acquisitions	(1,923,721)	(2,947,486)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>9,145</u>	<u>120</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest income	70,059	34,118
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>70,059</u>	<u>34,118</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents	(549,763)	545,015
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	<u>1,372,655</u>	<u>827,640</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	<u>\$ 822,892</u>	<u>\$ 1,372,655</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash used by operating activities:		
Operating loss	\$ (11,484,125)	\$ (10,250,338)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation	1,462,318	1,481,641
Advertising, rental and other income	117,088	203,234
Change in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in receivables	(273,800)	185,126
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	(11,873)	7,079
(Increase) decrease in lease receivable	(5,019)	(1,102)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(696)	5,954
Increase (decrease) in accrued payroll and related liabilities	(13,532)	2,290
Increase (decrease) in unearned revenue	(63,592)	98,727
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	(19,788)	(103,254)
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>\$ (10,293,019)</u>	<u>\$ (8,370,643)</u>
Noncash supplemental disclosures		
Capital assets purchased on behalf of the Authority by the Commonwealth	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 708,608</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

The Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (the Authority) operates under Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 161B as a body politic and a corporate and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Authority is a component unit of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Massachusetts provides funding to the Authority. Its members consist of the cities of Pittsfield and North Adams and the towns of Adams, Alford, Becket, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Dalton, Egremont, Florida, Great Barrington, Hancock, Hinsdale, Lanesborough, Lee, Lenox, Monterey, Mt. Washington, New Ashford, New Marlborough, Otis, Peru, Richmond, Savoy, Sheffield, Stockbridge, Washington, West Stockbridge, Williamstown and Windsor. It has a general responsibility to develop, finance and contract for the operation of mass transportation facilities within its territory. It is authorized to improve, modify, or extend existing facilities and enter into agreements with other parties, including government agencies, municipalities, authorities, private transportation companies, railroads, corporations, and other concerns, providing for construction, operation and use by such other party of any mass transportation facility or equipment of the Authority.

The Authority's activities are managed by an administrator who is appointed by an Advisory Board, which is made up of chief elected officials or their appointees from the member communities. The Authority's operations are primarily funded through passenger fares, contractual reimbursements and operating subsidies from the federal and state government and member municipalities. In addition, the Authority receives capital grants from the federal and state government to finance acquisitions and improvements of facilities and equipment.

The operation and maintenance of the Authority's transit services is performed by a private sector transportation company (the Operator) under terms and agreements whereby the Operator provides mass transit along such routes and according to such schedules as may be defined by the Authority. The Operator is also responsible for the maintenance of the Authority's transportation property (operations and maintenance facility, rolling stock, and other transportation equipment). In return, the Authority agrees to pay the Operator a management fee and to reimburse the Operator for all costs and expenses which are reasonable and necessary for the efficient operation and maintenance of the transit service (see also Notes 4 and 9).

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the reporting entity include (1) the Authority, (2) organizations for which the Authority is financially accountable and (3) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Authority are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The criteria provided in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statements have been considered, and no component units were identified to be included in the Authority's financial statements.

The financial statements of the Authority are incorporated into the financial statements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as the Authority is a component unit of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Basis of Accounting

An enterprise fund is used to account for the Authority, which is maintained on the accrual basis of accounting.

NOTE 1 - (Continued)

The Authority uses proprietary fund accounting, which follows all GASB pronouncements. Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing transit services to the general public. The principal operating revenues consist of passenger fares for fixed route and demand response transit services.

Operating expenses include the cost of transit services provided by third party vendors, administrative expenses and depreciation of capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

Fund Net Position

Fund net positions are classified as follows in the Authority's financial statements:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt

The portion of net position represented by capital assets less accumulated depreciation, less outstanding debt incurred by the Authority to buy or construct them. The Authority uses these capital assets to provide transportation services; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Authority's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, the resources needed to repay this debt, if any, must be provided from other sources, since these capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Restricted

Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of state laws, or externally imposed conditions by grantors or creditors. The Authority has a restricted reserve established for the purpose of meeting the cost of extraordinary expenses in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 161b, Section 6(q). At June 30, 2025 and 2024, the Authority's reserve balance was \$215,177 and \$209,929, respectively.

Unrestricted

All amounts not included in other spendable classifications.

Funding and Revenue Recognition

The Authority realizes revenue from a variety of different sources including but not limited to local assessment revenue, federal and state operating and capital assistance, fare revenue, and non-fare revenue such as advertising and rental income. Revenue is recognized on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue received in advance is reported as unearned revenue on the statement of net position.

Federal and state operating and capital assistance grants are recorded at the time eligible expenditures under the terms of the grants are incurred. Reimbursement under these grants is based on expenses incurred during the fiscal year and is subject to certain compliance regulations.

Federal Grants and Contracts

The Federal government under 49 USC Sections 5307, 5311, and other sections, provides for assistance of up to 50% of the Authority's eligible operating costs. In addition, under 49 USC Sections 5307, 5309 and 5310, the Federal government may provide 80% to 100% of the cost of capital acquisitions.

Local Assessments

The Authority's net cost of service is funded through local assessments to member municipalities (cities and towns constituting the Authority), which may increase by no more than 2.5% annually plus the members' share of any new services.

NOTE 1 - (Continued)

State Contract Assistance

The Authority has a contract with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (executed through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation), pursuant to MGL 161B, to provide operating assistance for a portion the Authority's net cost of service (operating deficit remaining after federal grants and local assessments have been applied, including payments made for debt service during the period, and excluding non-reimbursable expenses and depreciation).

Funding is determined in the Commonwealth's annual budget and is allocated between the regional transit authorities in the State based on a formula considering such factors as size and operating environment, ridership, and previous State funding levels.

Capital Grants

The Authority's capital assets are generally acquired with federal, state and local capital grants. These assets are owned by the Authority and included in property and equipment. Proceeds received from dispositions of these assets must be either refunded to the grantor agency or used to acquire new capital items. Capital grant revenues are reflected in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position as capital contributions.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Authority considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Receivables

Receivables, including federal and state grants, consist of revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Allowances for uncollectible accounts receivable are based upon historical trends and the periodic aging of accounts receivable. As of June 30, 2025 and 2024, the Authority considers all its receivable's collectible and has not established an allowance for uncollectible accounts.

Lease Receivables

The Authority, as lessor, enters into various lease agreements. The Authority recognizes long-term lease receivables measured at the present value of lease payments anticipated to be received at or before the commencement of the lease term that relate to future periods.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at acquisition cost and depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over three to forty year lives.

Compensated Absences

Employees are eligible for vacation leave with pay. The number of vacation weeks are awarded to employees based on years of service and range from two weeks after one year of service to five weeks after 15 years of service. Unused vacation leave may be accumulated and carried over to the next fiscal year up to a maximum of five days.

Paid sick days are provided to each eligible employee for workdays missed due to illness or injury. Upon hire, employees will be vested with five sick days, prorated through the fiscal year end. On July 1st of every year, employees will be awarded ten days of paid sick leave. Unused sick days may be accumulated to a maximum of 90 days. Unused sick time will not be paid upon termination.

A liability is recorded for vacation leave earned and unused at year-end, and for the portion of unused sick leave that is more likely than not to be used for future paid time off. The liabilities are measured using current pay rates and reflect amounts attributable to past service. At June 30, 2025 and 2024, the total compensated absences liability was \$3,387 and \$18,570, respectively.

NOTE 1 - (Continued)

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net assets, while deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net assets, that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow (expenditure) or inflow (revenue) of resources until that time. Deferred outflows and inflows of resources in the statement of net position consist of items not yet credited to pension expense or revenue.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that effect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through September 18, 2025, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

Concentration of Source of Supply of Labor

The Authority has a contract with Berkshire Transit Management, Inc. (BTM), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Transdev United States, to perform fixed route and paratransit management, operations, and maintenance services. The current contract expires on June 30, 2026. Approximately eighty percent (80%) of BTM employees are members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 404 (the Union). BTM's current labor agreement expires on June 30, 2027.

Comparative Financial Information

The financial information for the year ended June 30, 2024 are presented for comparative purposes. Certain items in the comparative prior year totals may have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State and local statutes place certain limitations on the nature of deposits and investments available to the Authority. Deposits, including demand deposits, money markets and certificates of deposit in any one financial institution, may not exceed certain levels unless collateralized by the financial institution involved. Investments may be made in unconditionally guaranteed U.S. Government obligations having maturities of a year or less from the date of purchase, or through repurchase agreements with maturities of no greater than 90 days in which the underlying securities consist of such obligations. Other allowable investments include authorized bonds of all states, banker's acceptances, commercial paper rated within the three highest classifications established by rating agencies, and units in the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust.

Custodial Credit Risk Related to Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned. The Authority carries deposits that are insured by FDIC and DIF insurance. Insured bank deposits as of June 30, 2025, were \$996,344. Uninsured bank deposits as of June 30, 2025, were \$-0-.

NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES

Accounts receivable consisted of the following at June 30:

	2025	Comparative 2024
Federal		
Operating assistance	\$ 3,404,556	\$ 3,189,895
Capital assistance	75,497	98,684
Total federal	<u>3,480,053</u>	<u>3,288,579</u>
Massachusetts		
Operating assistance	53,014	50,000
Capital assistance	43,245	29,203
Total Massachusetts	<u>96,259</u>	<u>79,203</u>
Member communities		
Operating assistance for current year expenditures	1,102,782	1,075,885
Operating assistance for prior year expenditures	367,899	409,748
Total member communities	<u>1,470,681</u>	<u>1,485,633</u>
Other receivables	<u>571,826</u>	<u>298,026</u>
Total receivables	<u>\$ 5,618,819</u>	<u>\$ 5,151,441</u>

NOTE 4 - WORKING CAPITAL HELD BY FIXED ROUTE AND PARATRANSIT OPERATOR

Berkshire Transit Management, Inc. (BTM), subsidiary of Transdev United States, is the fixed route and paratransit operator for the Authority. The assets and liabilities held by BTM are owned by the Authority and consist mainly of cash, inventory, prepaid expenses, accounts payable, accrued wages and compensated absences. The Authority is responsible for funding these expenses.

Compensated Absences (Vacation and Sick Leave)

Employees of BTM earn vacation leave annually based on their hire date and years of continuous service, with full-time employees earning between 80 and 240 hours and part-time employees earning between 40 and 80 hours. Vacation leave is not cumulative from year to year (date of hire anniversary); however, employees may elect to cash out up to 40 hours of unused vacation annually.

Employees of BTM who have completed at least 90 days of employment are granted six paid sick days annually. Sick leave does not accumulate beyond six days and any unused sick time is cashed out within 90 days following the end of each contract year.

BTM recognizes a liability for vacation leave earned and unused at year-end, and for the portion of unused sick leave that is more likely than not to be used for future paid time off. The liabilities are measured using current pay rates and reflect amounts attributable to past service.

The value of these assets less liabilities held by BTM for each of the years ending June 30, 2025 and 2024 was \$713,741, and is reported as *working capital held by fixed route operator* in the Authority's financial statements.

NOTE 5 - LEASES

The Authority, as lessor, has entered into various agreements for advertising and office space with lease terms expiring in 2029.

A lease is a contract that conveys control of the right to use another entity's nonfinancial asset as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. The Authority determines whether a contract conveys control of the right to use the underlying asset by assessing both of the following: 1) the right to obtain the present service capacity from use of the underlying asset as specified in the contract, and 2) the right to determine the nature and manner of use of the underlying asset as specified in the contract.

The Authority, as a lessor, recognizes lease receivables at the present value of lease payments anticipated to be received at or before the commencement of the lease term that relate to future periods. The Authority assesses each lease receivable annually for changes in the terms of the lease, interest rate, impairment of the underlying leased asset, or other factors that may impact the expected lease payments. Lease revenue is recorded systematically over the term of the lease, with a corresponding reduction of the deferred inflow. The Authority calculates the amortization of the discount on each lease receivable in subsequent financial reporting periods, and reports that amount as interest revenue.

As of June 30, 2025 and 2024, the Authority does not have any contracts or agreements as a lessee.

Leases receivable consist of the following:

Advertising (Embedded) Lease Income

In fiscal year 2025, the Authority entered into an agreement with a third party, which has the exclusive right to sell, install, maintain, and place advertisements on and inside the Authority's buses, expiring in fiscal year 2029. The minimum annual guaranteed advertising income starts at \$30,000, increasing to \$40,000 over the life of the lease. An initial lease receivable was recorded in the amount of \$157,813. The value of the lease receivable as of June 30, 2025 was \$133,141. The lease has an interest rate of 4.00%. The value of the deferred inflow of resources as of June 30, 2025 was \$126,701. The Authority recognized advertising lease income of \$31,562 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

Rental Income

The Authority entered into an agreement with a third party to lease office space within the Authority's Intermodal Center which will expire in April 2026. Monthly rental income is \$2,800. An initial lease receivable was recorded in the amount of \$64,479. The value of the lease receivable as of June 30, 2025 and 2024 was \$27,493 and \$59,300, respectively. The lease has an interest rate of 4.00%. The value of the deferred inflow of resources as of June 30, 2025 and 2024 was \$24,496 and \$54,822, respectively. The Authority recognized rental income \$31,729 and \$33,051 for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Leases receivable consist of the following at June 30, 2025:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Advertising space	\$ -	\$ 157,813	\$ (24,672)	\$ 133,141
Rental space	59,300	-	(31,807)	27,493
Leases receivable	<u>\$ 59,300</u>	<u>\$ 157,813</u>	<u>\$ (56,479)</u>	<u>\$ 160,634</u>

NOTE 5 - (Continued)

Future minimum lease payments to be received are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Advertising Income		Rental Income		Total Receipts
	Principal Receipts	Interest Receipts	Principal Receipts	Interest Receipts	
2026	\$ 25,132	\$ 4,868	\$ 27,493	\$ 507	\$ 58,000
2027	31,248	3,752	-	-	35,000
2028	37,614	2,386	-	-	40,000
2029	39,147	853	-	-	40,000
Total	<u>\$ 133,141</u>	<u>\$ 11,859</u>	<u>\$ 27,493</u>	<u>\$ 507</u>	<u>\$ 173,000</u>

Other short-term leases

The Authority has entered into multiple short-term (month-to-month) agreements to lease office space within the Authority's Intermodal Center. Total lease income was \$19,119 and \$22,157 for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

NOTE 6 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consisted of the following at June 30:

	2025			
	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 61,628	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,628
Construction in process	154,279	-	-	154,279
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>215,907</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>215,907</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	15,276,276	107,640	-	15,383,916
Revenue equipment	14,647,940	1,701,380	-	16,349,320
Office equipment and furniture	481,710	114,701	(38,472)	557,939
Service vehicles	426,124	-	-	426,124
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>30,832,050</u>	<u>1,923,721</u>	<u>(38,472)</u>	<u>32,717,299</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	8,606,399	387,726	-	8,994,125
Revenue equipment	8,606,276	1,006,233	-	9,612,509
Office equipment and furniture	360,128	44,174	(38,472)	365,830
Service vehicles	307,015	24,185	-	331,200
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>17,879,818</u>	<u>1,462,318</u>	<u>(38,472)</u>	<u>19,303,664</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>12,952,232</u>	<u>461,403</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,413,635</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 13,168,139</u>	<u>\$ 461,403</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 13,629,542</u>

NOTE 6 - (Continued)

	Comparative 2024			
	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 61,628	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,628
Construction in process	154,279	-	-	154,279
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>215,907</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>215,907</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	15,271,511	25,000	(20,235)	15,276,276
Revenue equipment	11,192,591	3,460,909	(5,560)	14,647,940
Office equipment and furniture	439,007	59,636	(16,933)	481,710
Service vehicles	315,575	110,549	-	426,124
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>27,218,684</u>	<u>3,656,094</u>	<u>(42,728)</u>	<u>30,832,050</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	8,236,537	390,097	(20,235)	8,606,399
Revenue equipment	7,562,809	1,049,027	(5,560)	8,606,276
Office equipment and furniture	338,461	38,600	(16,933)	360,128
Service vehicles	303,098	3,917	-	307,015
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>16,440,905</u>	<u>1,481,641</u>	<u>(42,728)</u>	<u>17,879,818</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>10,777,779</u>	<u>2,174,453</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,952,232</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 10,993,686</u>	<u>\$ 2,174,453</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 13,168,139</u>

NOTE 7 - NOTES PAYABLE

The Authority is subsidized by local assessments received from its member communities for its annual net cost of service. The Authority is also subsidized by the Federal government. These subsidies are funded subsequent to the year in which the costs are incurred. Therefore, the Authority issues revenue anticipation notes to cover cash flow deficiencies until funding is received.

Revenue anticipation notes payable consisted of the following at June 30:

	2025	Comparative 2024
4.50% Revenue anticipation note due July 25, 2025	\$ 5,600,000	\$ -
4.50% Revenue anticipation note due July 25, 2024	-	5,600,000
Total	<u>\$ 5,600,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,600,000</u>

On July 25, 2025, the Authority issued a \$5,700,000 revenue anticipation note maturing on July 25, 2026 at a rate of 4.00%. The Authority repaid the \$5,600,000 note due July 25, 2025.

The Commonwealth is required pursuant to Section 10 of Chapter 161B of the Massachusetts General Laws to pay to the Authority amounts duly certified by the Administrator as necessary to pay the principal and interest on these notes if sufficient funds are not otherwise available; the obligation of the Commonwealth to pay such amounts to the Authority is a general obligation of the Commonwealth and the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth is pledged to make such payments.

NOTE 8 - NET POSITION

Net position consisted of the following at June 30:

	2025				
	Invested in capital assets, net of debt	Restricted Reserve	Restricted Working Capital Held by Operators	Unrestricted	Total
Income (loss) before capital contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,429,010)	\$ (1,429,010)
Depreciation	(1,462,318)	-	-	1,462,318	-
Capital contributions	1,923,721	-	-	-	1,923,721
Increase in reserve for extraordinary expenses	-	5,248	-	(5,248)	-
Increase (decrease) in net position	461,403	5,248	-	28,060	494,711
Net position, beginning	13,168,139	209,929	713,741	(267,994)	13,823,815
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 13,629,542</u>	<u>\$ 215,177</u>	<u>\$ 713,741</u>	<u>\$ (239,934)</u>	<u>\$ 14,318,526</u>

	Comparative 2024				
	Invested in capital assets, net of debt	Restricted Reserve	Restricted Working Capital Held by Operators	Unrestricted	Total
Income (loss) before capital contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,368,050)	\$ (1,368,050)
Depreciation	(1,481,641)	-	-	1,481,641	-
Capital contributions	3,656,094	-	-	-	3,656,094
Increase in reserve for extraordinary expenses	-	5,121	-	(5,121)	-
Increase (decrease) in net position	2,174,453	5,121	-	108,470	2,288,044
Net position, beginning	10,993,686	204,808	713,741	(376,464)	11,535,771
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 13,168,139</u>	<u>\$ 209,929</u>	<u>\$ 713,741</u>	<u>\$ (267,994)</u>	<u>\$ 13,823,815</u>

Restricted net position

A reserve has been established by the Authority, restricted for the purpose of meeting the cost of extraordinary expenses in accordance with MGL Chapter 161B Section 6(q). At June 30, 2025 and 2024, the Authority's restricted reserve balance was \$215,177 and \$209,929, respectively.

NOTE 9 - TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS

Transportation contracts consisted of the following at June 30, 2025:

- A. Fixed route service is provided by Berkshire Transit Management, Inc., subsidiary of Transdev United States, to the communities of Adams, Cheshire, Dalton, Great Barrington, Hancock, Hinsdale, Lanesborough, Lee, Lenox, New Ashford, North Adams, Pittsfield, Stockbridge and Williamstown. Payments are based upon reimbursement for actual costs incurred plus a fixed management fee of \$307,392.
- B. Berkshire Transit Management, Inc. provides paratransit services mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as non-ADA door-to-door services to approved customers. Payments are based upon reimbursement for actual costs incurred. Customer fees for both services are paid through the purchase of tickets from the Authority and redemption of tickets upon travel or electronic online payments made through RMPay software. The Americans with Disabilities Act mandates that ADA service be made available to approved persons unable to access the fixed route buses at a cost not to exceed twice the maximum fare on the fixed route system. User cost is between \$2.50 and \$9.00 based upon trip origin and destination. Non-ADA fees range from \$7.50 to \$32.50 dependent upon the quantity of towns traversed.
- C. Council on Aging (COA) organizations and other private transportation agencies provide paratransit service to qualified persons with disabilities as well as the elderly and disabled.

NOTE 10 - PENSION PLAN

Plan

The Authority provides retirement benefits to employees through the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority Pension Plan (the Plan), a single-employer pension plan. This is a defined benefit pension plan which covers all eligible employees of the Authority. Employees, who are at least 21 years old, are eligible to enter the plan on the first day of the plan year. New members of the Plan become 100% vested over a five-year period. The Plan issues a publicly available report that includes financial reports and required supplementary information for the plan. The Plan's report can be obtained by writing to Berkshire Regional Transit Authority, One Columbus Avenue, Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201 or by calling (413) 499-2782.

Results of the Plan are based on liabilities developed in an actuarial valuation performed as of June 30, 2025 with a measurement date of June 30, 2025.

Accounting Policy

For the purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Plan and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. 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.

Plan Membership

Plan membership consisted of the 6 active plan members and no inactive plan members as of June 30, 2025 and 2024.

Benefits Provided

The Plan provides retirement benefits to members and continuing survivor benefits to designated beneficiaries upon the member's death. Retirement benefits are calculated at 2.5% of a member's average monthly compensation times the number of years of service to a maximum of 40 years. Benefit payments are based upon a member's age, length of creditable service and level of compensation. Normal retirement is attained at age 65 with at least 5 years of service. A retirement allowance may be received early if the participant has reached age 55 and completed five years of service.

NOTE 10 - (Continued)

Contributions

Each year, the Authority makes contributions to the Plan. While there is no statutory or regulatory requirement to contribute the actuarially determined contribution, it is the intent of the Authority to contribute the amount necessary to meet benefit obligations when due.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2025 and 2024 actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.00% and future periods
Salary increases	2.00% annually and for future periods
Investment rate of return	4.00%, net of pension plan investment expense including inflation.
Pre- and post-retirement mortality	Mortality rates were based upon the 2025 IRC 430(h)(3)(A) Combined Mortality Tables
Employee termination	None assumed
Retirement age	Age 65 or normal retirement date, if later
Pre-retirement death benefit	Calculated using aforementioned mortality, interest and termination assumptions and on the assumption that 100% of plan members have spouses.
Expenses	Investment return is assumed to be net of plan expenses paid from the trust fund

The long term rate of return on pension plan investments for the 2025 and 2024 actuarial valuations were 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 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.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity	50.00%	4.50%
International equity	0.00%	5.50%
Fixed income	50.00%	2.00%
Real estate	0.00%	4.00%
Cash	0.00%	1.00%
	<u>100.00%</u>	

NOTE 10 - (Continued)**Discount rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for 2025 and 2024 was 4.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will continue to be made at the current rate and that contributions will be made at rates at least equal to the actuarially determined contribution rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Change in net pension liability

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (a) - (b)
Balances at June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 1,629,038</u>	<u>\$ 908,324</u>	<u>\$ 720,714</u>
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	75,935	-	75,935
Interest	68,199	-	68,199
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	-
Changes of assumptions	(24,289)	-	(24,289)
Differences between actual and expected experience	57,211	-	57,211
Contributions - employer	-	250,000	(250,000)
Net investment income	-	44,277	(44,277)
Benefit payments	-	-	-
Administrative expense	-	-	-
Net changes	<u>177,056</u>	<u>294,277</u>	<u>(117,221)</u>
Balances at June 30, 2024	<u>1,806,094</u>	<u>1,202,601</u>	<u>603,493</u>
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	79,851	-	79,851
Interest	75,438	-	75,438
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	-
Changes of assumptions	4,247	-	4,247
Differences between actual and expected experience	248,611	-	248,611
Contributions - employer	-	200,000	(200,000)
Net investment income	-	90,636	(90,636)
Benefit payments	-	-	-
Administrative expense	-	-	-
Net changes	<u>408,147</u>	<u>290,636</u>	<u>117,511</u>
Balances at June 30, 2025	<u>\$ 2,214,241</u>	<u>\$ 1,493,237</u>	<u>\$ 721,004</u>

NOTE 10 - (Continued)**Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate**

The following presents the net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate of 4.00%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (3.00%)	Current Discount (4.00%)	1% Increase (5.00%)
Plan net pension liability as of June 30, 2025	\$ 996,658	\$ 721,004	\$ 487,666
	1% Decrease (3.00%)	Current Discount (4.00%)	1% Increase (5.00%)
Plan net pension liability as of June 30, 2024	\$ 781,011	\$ 603,493	\$ 348,377

Pension Expense and Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the Transit Authority recognized pension expense of \$180,212; contribution of \$200,000 paid into the Plan, less the reduction in net pension liability of \$19,788 (pension expense was \$146,746 for the year ended June 30, 2024). At June 30, 2025 and 2024, the Transit Authority reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	2025		Comparative 2024	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 383,731	\$ 107,804	\$ 201,780	\$ 130,327
Changes in assumptions	108,651	20,923	138,448	25,591
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	17,077	40,198	34,155	15,230
Total	<u>\$ 509,459</u>	<u>\$ 168,925</u>	<u>\$ 374,383</u>	<u>\$ 171,148</u>

Amounts reported as of June 30 for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2026	\$ 77,994
2027	60,915
2028	52,763
2029	42,841
2030	49,754
Thereafter	56,267
Total	<u>\$ 340,534</u>

Payable to Pension Plan

At June 30, 2025 and 2024, the Authority reported a payable of \$-0- for the outstanding amount of contributions to the pension plan.

NOTE 11 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Federal and State funding

Amounts received or receivable from grant agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal and state governments. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. As of the date of the financial statements, the Authority is not aware of any expenditures that may be disallowed by a grantor.

Risk management

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, natural disasters, and workers compensation claims for which the Authority carries commercial insurance.

NOTE 12 - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The Authority receives operating assistance from the federal government and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as well as assessments charged to local member communities of the Authority.

Federal and state assistance totaled approximately 85% of the total fiscal year 2025 revenues (80% in 2024).

Member community local assessments totaled approximately 10% of the total fiscal year 2025 revenues (11% in 2024).

The Federal and State government pay for approximately all of the Authority's capital acquisitions each year.

NOTE 13 - IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW GASB PRONOUNCEMENTS

Current Year Implementation

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, which became effective for fiscal year 2025. The objective of this statement is to improve the usefulness of information provided to financial statement users by establishing a unified recognition and measurement model for compensated absences and modifying certain disclosure requirements.

In accordance with GASB 101, the Authority evaluated its own compensated absence policies, as well as those of its fixed-route and paratransit operator, Berkshire Transit Management, Inc. (BTM), for which the Authority is financially responsible. The impact of this statement was not material to the Authority's financial statements. No additional liability was required for BTM's compensated absences, as existing accruals were determined to be sufficient under the new standard. The Authority has enhanced its disclosures to reflect the nature and terms of compensated absence benefits for both the Authority and BTM, including eligibility criteria and accrual limits.

The GASB issued Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*, which became effective for fiscal year 2025. The objective of this statement is to enhance transparency by requiring disclosures of risks arising from a government's vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints. These disclosures are intended to provide users with better information to understand and assess potential risks to a government's financial condition. Adoption of this statement did not have a material impact on the Authority's financial reporting, other than enhancing certain note disclosures.

NOTE 13 - (Continued)

Future Year Implementation

The GASB issued Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and will be implemented by the Authority in fiscal year 2026. The objective of this statement is to enhance the existing financial reporting model by improving the relevance, consistency, and clarity of key components, thereby strengthening its usefulness for decision-making and for assessing a government's accountability. The Authority is currently evaluating the impact of this statement on its financial reporting.

The GASB issued Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and will be implemented by the Authority in fiscal year 2026. This statement requires separate disclosure of specified types of capital assets to provide users of the financial statements with more relevant information. The Authority is currently evaluating the impact of this statement on its financial reporting.

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
(A Component Unit of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation)
SCHEDULE OF CHANGE IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
June 30, 2025

BRTA Pension Plan
(see also Note 10)
Plan Year End June 30,

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Total pension liability										
Service cost	\$ 79,851	\$ 75,935	\$ 72,477	\$ 71,027	\$ 91,955	\$ 101,455	\$ 95,207	\$ 99,853	\$ 99,716	\$ 96,120
Interest	75,438	68,199	60,627	82,666	77,168	68,958	61,031	58,458	44,571	36,117
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Changes of assumptions	4,247	(24,289)	7,527	5,639	216,168	(1,653)	(5,620)	44,668	2,129	1,716
Differences between expected and actual experience	248,611	57,211	45,205	(89,923)	(48,364)	78,616	(204)	(17,135)	85,419	31,541
Benefit payment, including refunds of employee contributions	-	-	-	(414,546)	-	(49,115)	(15,111)	(91,535)	-	-
Net change in total pension liability	408,147	177,056	185,836	(345,137)	336,927	198,261	135,303	94,309	231,835	165,494
Total pension liability, beginning	1,806,094	1,629,038	1,443,202	1,788,339	1,451,412	1,253,151	1,117,848	1,023,539	791,704	626,210
Total pension liability, ending (a)	\$ 2,214,241	\$ 1,806,094	\$ 1,629,038	\$ 1,443,202	\$ 1,788,339	\$ 1,451,412	\$ 1,253,151	\$ 1,117,848	\$ 1,023,539	\$ 791,704
Plan fiduciary net position										
Contributions - employer	\$ 200,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 238,664	\$ 160,000	\$ 136,000	\$ 115,001	\$ 108,522	\$ 121,564	\$ 57,800
Net investment income	90,636	44,277	49,370	(53,378)	45,472	27,989	24,118	26,692	8,062	12,771
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	-	-	-	(414,546)	-	(49,115)	(15,111)	(91,535)	-	-
Administrative expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	290,636	294,277	249,370	(229,260)	205,472	114,874	124,008	43,679	129,626	70,571
Plan fiduciary net position, beginning	1,202,601	908,324	658,954	888,214	682,742	567,868	443,860	400,181	270,555	199,984
Plan fiduciary net position, ending (b)	\$ 1,493,237	\$ 1,202,601	\$ 908,324	\$ 658,954	\$ 888,214	\$ 682,742	\$ 567,868	\$ 443,860	\$ 400,181	\$ 270,555
Net pension liability (a) - (b)	\$ 721,004	\$ 603,493	\$ 720,714	\$ 784,248	\$ 900,125	\$ 768,670	\$ 685,283	\$ 673,988	\$ 623,358	\$ 521,149
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	67.44%	66.59%	55.76%	45.66%	49.67%	47.04%	45.32%	39.71%	39.10%	34.17%
Covered employee payroll	\$ 493,650	\$ 434,194	\$ 410,798	\$ 391,095	\$ 390,160	\$ 582,240	\$ 551,610	\$ 548,422	\$ 547,603	\$ 527,190
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	146.06%	138.99%	175.44%	200.53%	230.71%	132.02%	124.23%	122.90%	113.83%	98.85%

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**SCHEDULE OF PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

June 30, 2025

	BRTA Pension Plan (see also Note 10) Plan Year End June 30,									
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 165,325	\$ 147,479	\$ 157,917	\$ 163,999	\$ 198,664	\$ 171,984	\$ 158,085	\$ 161,694	\$ 156,912	\$ 143,938
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>200,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>238,664</u>	<u>160,000</u>	<u>136,000</u>	<u>115,001</u>	<u>108,522</u>	<u>121,564</u>	<u>57,800</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ (34,675)</u>	<u>\$ (102,521)</u>	<u>\$ (42,083)</u>	<u>\$ (74,665)</u>	<u>\$ 38,664</u>	<u>\$ 35,984</u>	<u>\$ 43,084</u>	<u>\$ 53,172</u>	<u>\$ 35,348</u>	<u>\$ 86,138</u>
Covered employee payroll	\$ 493,650	\$ 434,194	\$ 410,798	\$ 391,095	\$ 390,160	\$ 582,240	\$ 551,610	\$ 548,422	\$ 547,603	\$ 527,190
Contribution as a percentage of covered Employee payroll	40.51%	57.58%	48.69%	61.02%	41.01%	23.36%	20.85%	19.79%	22.20%	10.96%

Notes to Schedule

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of June 30, 2025.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method:	Entry Age Normal
Amortization method:	10 year level dollar of the existing net pension liability as of the valuation date
Remaining amortization period	10 years. Fresh start method with amortization remaining unfunded amortized each year
Asset valuation method:	Market value of assets as of the measurement date
Inflation:	2.00% as of June 30, 2025 and for future periods
Salary increases:	2.00% annually as of June 30, 2025 and for future periods
Investment rate of return:	4.00%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

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BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
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**COMPUTATION OF OPERATING ASSISTANCE
FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
UNDER 49 USC SECTIONS 5307 AND 5311**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

For Year Ended June 30,

	2025	Comparative 2024
Total operating expenses	\$ 11,786,929	\$ 10,844,729
Eliminate GASB adjustment for change in net pension liability	19,788	103,254
Eliminate GASB adjustment for change in leases receivable	5,019	1,101
Eliminate non-reimbursable depreciation expense	(1,459,065)	(1,477,526)
Interest expense	218,794	208,018
Total eligible expenses	<u>10,571,465</u>	<u>9,679,576</u>
Revenues applied to eligible expenses:		
Fixed route income	251,480	516,864
Demand response income	51,324	77,527
Other assistance	228,280	214,756
Advertising income	36,890	38,611
Rental income	50,848	55,208
Other income	29,350	109,415
Interest income	<u>70,059</u>	<u>34,118</u>
Total revenues applied to eligible expenses	<u>718,231</u>	<u>1,046,499</u>
Net operating expenses eligible under Sections 5307 and 5311	9,853,234	8,633,077
Federal participation in eligible expenses	<u>x 50%</u>	<u>x 50%</u>
Maximum federal operating assistance allowed	<u>\$ 4,926,617</u>	<u>\$ 4,316,539</u>
Sections 5307 and 5311 operating assistance subject (amount of maximum funding above or less)	<u>\$ 3,448,814</u>	<u>\$ 3,189,895</u>

The following non-reimbursable items are not included in the eligible expenses above:

- Depreciation taken on property and equipment purchased with capital grant funding
- GASB adjustment for the change in the Authority's net pension liability
- GASB adjustment for the change in the Authority's long-term leases receivable

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BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
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STATEMENT OF NET COST OF SERVICE

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

For the Year Ended June 30,

	Total Service Area 2025	Comparative Total Service Area 2024
Operating costs		
Fixed route service	\$ 6,951,668	\$ 6,273,911
Demand response service	2,338,724	2,166,159
Other operating expenses	243,055	214,756
Administrative costs	791,164	708,262
Depreciation expense	1,462,318	1,481,641
Debt service	218,794	208,018
Eliminate GASB adjustment for change in net pension liability	19,788	103,254
Eliminate GASB adjustment for change in leases receivable	5,019	1,101
Eliminate non-reimbursable depreciation expense	(1,459,065)	(1,477,526)
Total eligible costs	<u>10,571,465</u>	<u>9,679,576</u>
Operating assistance and revenues		
Federal and other operating assistance	<u>3,748,105</u>	<u>3,404,651</u>
Local Revenues		
Fixed route income	251,480	516,864
Demand response income	51,324	77,527
Advertising income	36,890	38,611
Rental income	50,848	55,208
Other income	29,350	109,415
Interest income	70,059	34,118
Total local revenues	<u>489,951</u>	<u>831,743</u>
Total operating assistance and revenues	<u>4,238,056</u>	<u>4,236,394</u>
Net operating deficit	6,333,409	5,443,182
Increase in reserve for extraordinary expenses	<u>5,248</u>	<u>5,121</u>
Net cost of service	<u>\$ 6,338,657</u>	<u>\$ 5,448,303</u>
Net cost of service funding		
Local assessments	\$ 1,102,782	\$ 1,075,885
Massachusetts contract assistance	4,633,781	4,257,320
Massachusetts fare free program	<u>602,094</u>	<u>115,098</u>
Total funding	<u>\$ 6,338,657</u>	<u>\$ 5,448,303</u>

The following non-reimbursable items are not included in the eligible expenses above:

- Depreciation taken on property and equipment purchased with capital grant funding
- GASB adjustment for the change in the Authority's net pension liability
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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

To the Advisory Board

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

One Columbus Avenue, Suite 201
Pittsfield, MA 01201

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the business-type activities, of the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 18, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority'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 Berkshire Regional Transit Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority's internal control.

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

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

Purpose of This Report

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

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September 18, 2025



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To the Audit Committee

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

One Columbus Avenue, Suite 201

Pittsfield, MA 01201

We have audited the financial statements of Berkshire Regional Transit Authority as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and have issued our report thereon dated September 18, 2025. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit

As communicated in our engagement letter dated July 9, 2025, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of its respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of the system of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the system of internal control of Berkshire Regional Transit Authority solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, and our firm have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

Significant Risks Identified

We have identified the following significant risks:

- Improper revenue recognition is considered an inherent risk according to Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS).
- Management override of controls is considered an inherent risk according to GAAS

Qualitative Aspects of the Entity's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by Berkshire Regional Transit Authority is included in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described in Note 13 to the financial statements, the Authority implemented GASB Statements No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, and GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*. Adoption of these statements did not have a material impact on the Authority's financial reporting, other than enhancing certain note disclosures. There have been no other initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during the year ended June 30, 2025. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates and related disclosures are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on 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 markedly from management's current judgments.

The most sensitive accounting estimates affecting the financial statements are:

Depreciation expense on fixed assets, which is based upon straight line depreciation calculated over the estimated useful lives of the assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop these estimates and determined that the amounts appear reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Accounting estimate for long-term lease receivables, which is based upon an analysis lease contracts and similar agreements and discounted cash flows of future minimum lease payments to be received. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop this estimate and determined that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Accrual for Net Pension Liability, which is based upon an actuarial valuation of its pension plan performed by Odyssey Advisors. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop this estimate and determined that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Financial Statement Disclosures

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

Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards also require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole. No uncorrected misstatements were identified during the audit.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. None of the misstatements identified by us as a result of our audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the entity's financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Representations Requested from Management

We have requested certain written representations from management, which are included in the attached letter dated September 18, 2025.

Management's Consultations with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with the entity, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, significant events or transactions that occurred during the year, business conditions affecting the entity, and business plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the entity's auditors. There were no audit findings for fiscal year 2025.

Our responsibility also includes communicating to you any information which we believe is a material misstatement of fact. Nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information, or its manner of presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information, or manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee and management of Berkshire Regional Transit Authority and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adelson + Company PC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
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MANAGEMENT LETTER

June 30, 2025

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To the Advisory Board of the
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
One Columbus Avenue, Suite 201
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Dear Members of the Advisory Board:

In connection with our audit of the financial statements of the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority, a component unit of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, as of June 30, 2025, we have made a review of the Authority's accounting procedures and internal control. While the primary objective of such a review is to afford us a basis of determining the scope of our audit procedures, it nevertheless presents us with an opportunity to submit, for the Authority's consideration, suggestions for changes in procedures, which, in our opinion, would strengthen internal control or contribute to the improvement of operating efficiency.

The comments and recommendations in this letter are based upon observations made in the course of such review. The review was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the internal accounting control, and it would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in the system.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed these comments and suggestions with various Authority personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience.

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the Authority and its personnel for the cooperation given us during the course of our audit.

Sincerely,

ADELSON & COMPANY PC

September 18, 2025

Comments and Recommendations

1. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued the following Statements which will be effective for the Authority's fiscal year ending June 30, 2026:
 - a. GASB No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*. The objective of this statement is to enhance the existing financial reporting model by improving the relevance, consistency, and clarity of key components, thereby strengthening its usefulness for decision-making and for assessing a government's accountability.
 - b. GASB No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*. This statement requires separate disclosure of specified types of capital assets to provide users of the financial statements with more relevant information.

Recommendation:

Management of the Authority should familiarize themselves with GASB No. 103 and 104 in order to prepare for their implementation and the impact on the Authority's financial reporting for fiscal year 2026.

Action Taken:

The CFO has reviewed GASB Statements No. 103 and 104 and has communicated with its external auditor that management is in the process of evaluating the impact of these standards on the Authority's financial reporting for fiscal year 2026.

2. During our audit, we were provided with all requested procurement documentation and were able to perform our testing without issue. We noted, however, that the Authority does not currently maintain a single, centralized list of purchases made via Request for Proposals (RFPs) and small purchases (Simplified Acquisition) during the fiscal year. Instead, information is kept in various places, which makes it more difficult to see the full picture of procurement activity at a glance.

Recommendation:

We recommend the Authority maintain a centralized listing of all purchases made via RFPs and Simplified Acquisitions during the year, with the related procurement documentation organized alongside it. This would provide a clear overview of procurement activity in one place, help ensure completeness, and make both internal monitoring and future audits more efficient.

Action Taken:

The Deputy Administrator has implemented a centralized yearly procurement project list that captures all small purchases, simplified acquisitions, and procurements exceeding the federal simplified acquisition threshold. The list is maintained in a central location and will be updated on an ongoing basis throughout the fiscal year.

Status of Prior Year Recommendations

1. As recommended, the Authority has reviewed and implemented GASB No. 101 and 102 for fiscal year 2025.