

CITY OF AUSTIN, MINNESOTA

**SINGLE AUDIT OF
FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
AND OTHER AUDIT REPORTS**

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

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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**

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
City of Austin, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Austin, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Austin, Minnesota's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 12, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City of Austin, Minnesota's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Austin, Minnesota's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Austin, Minnesota'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 may exist that have not been identified.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Austin, Minnesota'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 determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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



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Austin, Minnesota
April 12, 2016

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Honorable Mayor and
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City of Austin, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller of the United States, the accompanying statement of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Austin, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015 and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 12, 2016.

The *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions* covers seven categories of compliance to be tested: contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, claims and disbursements, miscellaneous provisions, and tax increment financing. Our study included all of the listed categories.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the City of Austin, Minnesota failed to comply with the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions*. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the City of Austin, Minnesota's noncompliance with the above-referenced provisions.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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Austin, Minnesota
April 12, 2016

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**CITY OF AUSTIN, MINNESOTA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

Federal Grantor/Pass through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
Department of Transportation Pass-Through Programs From:			
State Department of Public Safety:			
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	P079215402	\$ 10,069
Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for Driving While Intoxicated	20.608	P079215AL164	7,599
National Priority Safety Programs	20.616	P079215405E	1,794
Total State Department of Public Safety			<u>19,462</u>
State Department of Transportation			
Airport Improvement Program	20.106	A5001-47	209,741
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	104-101-005	600,000
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	104-090-006	10,368
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	104-090-007	25,658
Total State Department of Transportation			<u>845,767</u>
Total Department of Transportation			<u>865,229</u>
Department of Housing and Urban Development Pass-Through Program From:			
Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development:			
Community Development Block Grant	14.228	CDAP-13-0049-O-FY14	48,307
Total Department of Housing and Urban Development			<u>48,307</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 913,536</u>

See accompanying Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

CITY OF AUSTIN, MINNESOTA
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
DECEMBER 31, 2015

NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the City of Austin, Minnesota for the year ended December 31, 2015, except for the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Austin, which expended \$1,352,887 in federal awards. These are excluded as the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Austin operates on a September 30 fiscal year end and receives its own audit of expenditures of federal awards. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)*. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City of Austin, Minnesota, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the City of Austin, Minnesota.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized, as applicable, either the cost principles in OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribe Governments or the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years. The City of Austin, Minnesota has elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE
MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL
CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
City of Austin, Minnesota

Report on Compliance for The Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Austin, Minnesota's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the City of Austin, Minnesota's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2015. The City of Austin, Minnesota's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditors' results sections of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

The City of Austin, Minnesota's basic financial statements include the operations of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Austin, which expended \$1,352,887 in federal awards which are not included in the schedule during the year ended December 31, 2015. Our audit, described below, did not include the operations of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Austin because it operates on a September 30 fiscal year end and receives its own audit of expenditures of federal awards.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the City of Austin, Minnesota's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City of Austin, Minnesota's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City of Austin, Minnesota's compliance.

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the City of Austin, Minnesota complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the City of Austin, Minnesota is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the City of Austin, Minnesota's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Austin, Minnesota's internal control over compliance.

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

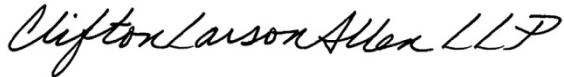
Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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

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City of Austin, Minnesota

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Austin, Minnesota as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Austin, Minnesota's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated April 12, 2016, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is 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. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditure of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



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Austin, Minnesota
April 12, 2016

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**CITY OF AUSTIN, MINNESOTA
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR FEDERAL AUDIT FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

Section I – Summary of Auditors’ Results

Financial Statements

1. Type of auditors’ report issued: Unmodified
2. Internal control over financial reporting:
- Material weakness(es) identified? _____ yes x no
 - Significant deficiency(ies) identified? _____ yes x none reported
3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? _____ yes x no

Federal Awards

1. Internal control over major federal programs:
- Material weakness(es) identified? _____ yes x no
 - Significant deficiency(ies) identified? _____ yes x none reported
2. Type of auditors’ report issued on compliance for major federal programs: Unmodified
3. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? _____ yes x no

Identification of Major Federal Programs

CFDA Number	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
20.205	Highway Planning and Construction

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$ \$750,000

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

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

Our audit did not disclose any matters required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

**CITY OF AUSTIN, MINNESOTA
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR FEDERAL AUDIT FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

Section III – Findings and Questioned Costs – Major Federal Programs

Our audit did not disclose any matters required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a).

Section IV – Prior Year Findings

There were no findings in the prior year that were required to be reported.

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There were no findings in the prior year that were required to be reported.