



RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2022 and 2021



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REPORT





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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority
Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust
Corpus Christi, Texas

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust (the "Plan"), which comprise the statements of fiduciary net position as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of changes in fiduciary net position for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively compromise the Plan's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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 Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments; administering the plan; and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, 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 Plan'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 Plan'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 and required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.

Corpus Christi, Texas
July 31, 2023



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RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust Management's Discussion and Analysis

The Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MDA") on the financial performance of RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust (the "Plan") provides an overview of the Plan's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. Please read this section in conjunction with the financial statements, which begin on page 6.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following highlights are explained in greater detail later in this discussion.

Financial Highlights for the Year Ended December 31, 2022

- The fiduciary net position held in trust for the Plan decreased by \$8,558,720 during the 2022 fiscal year and totaled \$42,537,443 as of December 31, 2022.
- Retirement benefits paid during 2022 increased \$122,737 to total \$2,415,094.
- Total Contributions to the Plan remained unchanged during 2022 to total \$1,382,108.
- Net depreciation in the fair market value of investments totaled \$7,400,557 representing a total decrease in the fair market value of investments of \$12,998,181 during 2022 compared to the appreciation in the fair market value of investments of \$5,597,624 experienced in the prior fiscal year.
- Administrative expenses decreased \$20,192 to total \$125,177.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Plan's basic financial statements include the following:

1. Statements of fiduciary net position,
2. Statements of changes in fiduciary net position, and
3. Notes to the financial statements.

The statement of fiduciary net position reports the Plan's assets, liabilities, and resultant net position restricted for pension benefits. It discloses the financial position of the Plan as of December 31, 2022.

The statement of changes in fiduciary net position reports the results of the Plan's operations during the year disclosing the additions to and deductions from the net position. It supports the change that has occurred to the prior year's net position value on the statements of fiduciary net position.

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information and insight that are essential to gaining a full understanding of the data provided in the statements of fiduciary net position and statements of changes in the fiduciary net position. The notes to the financial statements are followed by required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements.

RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust Management's Discussion and Analysis

For 2023, the recommended employer contribution is 15.49% of total annual payroll, 3.74% more than the 2022 recommended contribution of 11.75%.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The fiduciary net position held in trust for the Plan decreased by \$8,558,720 during the 2022 fiscal year and totaled \$42,537,443 as of December 31, 2022. The decrease is attributed primarily to the \$7,739,812 of net depreciation in the fair value of plan investments in 2022. The remaining change in net position is due to benefit payments of \$2,415,094 and administrative expenses of \$125,177 that were partially offset by employer contributions of \$1,382,108 and investment income of \$339,255.

Condensed Financial Information					
	December			Change	
	2022	2021	2020	2022-2021	2021-2020
Assets					
Investments at fair value	\$ 42,543,130	\$ 51,096,163	\$ 46,554,019	\$ (8,553,033)	\$ 4,542,144
Accrued interest receivable	9,844	-	138	9,844	(138)
Total Plan Assets	42,552,974	51,096,163	46,554,157	(8,543,189)	4,542,006
Liabilities					
	15,531	-	-	15,531	-
Net position restricted for pension benefits	\$ 42,537,443	\$ 51,096,163	\$ 46,554,157	\$ (8,558,720)	\$ 4,542,006

	Year Ended December			Change	
	2022	2021	2020	2022-2021	2021-2020
Additions					
Net investment (loss) income	\$ (7,400,557)	\$ 5,597,624	\$ 5,498,174	\$ (12,998,181)	\$ 99,450
Employer contributions	1,382,108	1,382,108	1,227,724	-	154,384
Total additions (deductions)	(6,018,449)	6,979,732	6,725,898	(12,998,181)	253,834
Deductions					
Benefits paid to participants	2,415,094	2,292,357	2,218,914	122,737	73,443
Administrative expenses	125,177	145,369	122,876	(20,192)	22,493
Total deductions	2,540,271	2,437,726	2,341,790	102,545	95,936
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	\$ (8,558,720)	\$ 4,542,006	\$ 4,384,108	\$ (13,100,726)	\$ 157,898

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Questions concerning any of the information provided or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority, Finance Department, 602 N. Staples St., Corpus Christi, Texas 78401, (361) 883-2287. In addition, this Employee Defined Benefit Plan and Trust Financial Report for 2022 will be posted on the Authority's website: www.ccrtta.org under the category "Financial Transparency" – Pension Information.

RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust Statements of Fiduciary Net Position

<i>December 31,</i>	2022	2021
Assets		
Investments at fair value		
Money market fund	\$ 855,918	\$ 904,700
Mutual funds	8,497,997	10,828,586
Collective funds	33,189,215	39,362,877
Total investments at fair value	42,543,130	51,096,163
Receivables		
Accrued interest receivable	9,844	-
Total assets	42,552,974	51,096,163
Liabilities		
Due to broker for securities purchased	15,531	-
Total liabilities	15,531	-
Fiduciary net position		
Net position - restricted for pension benefits	42,537,443	51,096,163
Total liabilities and net position - restricted for pension benefits	\$ 42,552,974	\$ 51,096,163

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

<i>For the years ended December 31,</i>	2022	2021
Additions		
Investment income		
Net appreciation in value of investments	\$ -	\$ 5,241,116
Interest	9,815	1,106
Dividends	312,379	347,834
Mutual/common trust fund earnings	17,061	7,568
Total investment income	339,255	5,597,624
Contributions		
Employer	1,382,108	1,382,108
Total additions	1,721,363	6,979,732
Deductions		
Net depreciation in value of investments	7,739,812	-
Benefits paid to participants	2,415,094	2,292,357
Administrative expenses	125,177	145,369
Total deductions	10,280,083	2,437,726
Net increase (decrease)	(8,558,720)	4,542,006
Fiduciary net position		
Beginning of year	51,096,163	46,554,157
End of year	\$ 42,537,443	\$ 51,096,163

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

Note 1: DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Refer to Plan documents for a more complete description of Plan provisions.

General

The Plan is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (“the Authority”) and established upon the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code. The Authority Board may periodically amend the Plan document. The current Plan provisions were established by a Plan and Trust agreement adopted by the Board of Directors in July 1986, and amended in July 1994, February 2002, November 2010, December 2011, December 2012, and January 2015.

Plan assets are held and managed by Principal Financial Group, the trustee or custodian and the qualified institution for the Plan, which invests contributions and Plan earnings, makes investment transactions as directed by the Authority Board and provides certain recordkeeping services. The Trustee carries out an investment policy established by the Authority Board consistent with purposes of the Plan and all applicable laws. The Plan has engaged third parties to provide actuarial services, consulting services, investment services and to assist with certain administrative functions of the Plan.

Eligibility Requirements

All employees shall be eligible to participate in the Plan on the date of the commencement of a full-time employment or reemployment. For purposes of this section, a full-time employee shall be defined as an employee who receives compensation from the employer on the basis on an average of at least 40 hours of employment per week. Once an employee has become a participant, he will continue to be a participant as long as he continues to be an employee without a break in service and thereafter as long as he or his beneficiary retains any right to benefits under the Plan.

Funding Policy

The employer shall establish a funding policy and method consistent with the Plan objectives in order that the long range and short range financial needs of the Plan may be determined and communicated to the Board.

RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

Note 1: DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

Contributions

The Authority shall contribute to the fund from time to time amounts based upon the recommendations of the Plan's actuary, in order to fund the costs of the Plan on an acceptable basis. All employer contributions when made to fund and all property and funds of the fund, including income from investments and from all other sources, shall be retained for the exclusive benefit of participants and their beneficiaries, and shall be used to pay retirement income provided hereunder or to pay expenses of administration of the Plan and the fund.

During the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 the Authority made contributions of \$1,382,108 and \$1,382,108, respectively.

No contributions shall be required of or permitted by any participants under this plan.

Participant Accounts

Each employee will automatically become a participant upon meeting eligibility requirements. Once an employee has become a participant, the employee will continue to be a participant throughout their employment, without a break in service, and thereafter as long as the employee or the employee beneficiary retains any right to benefits under the Plan.

Vesting

Vesting begins at three years of service with full vesting at seven years. Employees who retire on or after age 62 are entitled to an annual retirement benefit equal to 2% of their final average compensation multiplied by their number of years of service for the Authority. Reduced retirement benefits are available at age 55 with ten years of service. In January 2015, the Plan was amended to allow those eligible for early retirement during a specific window without incurring the normal reduction in benefits. The Plan is not indexed for inflation. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, there were 639 and 616 participants in the Plan, respectively, as follows:

	2022	2021
Active employees	218	217
Deferred vested	195	189
Retired and beneficiary	226	210
Total participants	639	616

Benefits

Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Administration costs are paid by the Plan.

RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

Pension Benefits

Plan participants are eligible for their pension benefit after terminating employment with vested rights. Participants are eligible for normal retirement on his normal retirement date (first day of the calendar month immediately following the date he attains age 62). A participant who has both attained his 55th birthday and has completed at least ten (10) years of service may retire at any time by giving at least 120 days prior written notice to the employer, but at a benefit reduced by 5% for each year preceding his normal retirement date. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan reduction factors. Normal retirement benefits shall be an amount equal to 2% of his final average compensation multiplied by his years of service (converted to a monthly retirement benefit by dividing by twelve).

Death and Disability Benefits

If the employment of a participant is terminated by reason of his death prior to the completion of three (3) years of service, no death benefits shall be payable under the Plan. If the employment of a participant is terminated by reason of his death, while in the employment of the Authority after the completion of three (3) years of service or after having terminated with at least three (3) years of service, then a death benefit shall be payable to the participant's surviving spouse equal to the "Pre-retirement Survivor Annuity". The "Pre-retirement Survivor's Annuity" means a survivor annuity for the life of the deceased participant's spouse which provides payments to the surviving spouse that are equal to the amounts that would have been paid to the surviving spouse (details provided in Plan Document). If the participant does not have a surviving spouse, no death benefits shall be payable.

Employees determined to be disabled under terms of the Authority's long-term disability program as of June 1, 1999 shall be entitled to benefits under this Plan to the extent the Plan provisions in place on June 1, 1999 provided for such benefits.

Plan Termination

The Authority, has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan.

Tax Qualifications

The Plan is a tax qualified plan under IRS Code Section 401(a).

RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). The significant accounting policies followed in the preparation of these financial statements are summarized below. These policies conform to the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for local governmental units as prescribed in the statements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and other authoritative sources.

Use of Estimates

The preparation U.S GAAP financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The assets of the Plan are invested in various fixed income, equity and short-term money market funds managed by a trustee. The Plan's policy in regard to the allocation of invested assets is established and may be amended by the Plan. Investments are reported at their fair market value as determined by the trustee. Investments in mutual funds are valued based on most recent quoted market prices.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis as earned. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Fair value changes are recorded as investment income or loss. Net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of investments includes realized gains or losses and unrealized appreciation or depreciation on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year. Gains and losses on the sale of investments in registered investment company funds are computed using the weighted average cost method.

The Plan's investments are stated at market value, unless otherwise indicated. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for further information and related disclosures regarding the Plan's investments.

Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Administrative Expenses

The employer may pay all expenses incurred in the administration of the Plan, including expenses and fees of the Trustee, but it shall not be obligated to do so; except that any such expenses and fees not paid by the employer shall be paid from the Plan. All expenses not paid by the employer and all other proper charges and disbursements of the Trustee, including taxes of any kind which may be levied or assessed under existing or future laws upon or in respect to the Fund or the Trust created hereby, shall be paid by the Trustee out of, and shall constitute a first charge upon, the Fund. In addition, certain investment related expenses are included in the net appreciation of fair value of investments presented in the accompanying *Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position*.

Risk and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various types of investment securities. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that these changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the Plan's financial statements.

Plan contributions are made and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits are reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates, and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions processes, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, July 31, 2023, and determined there were no events that occurred that require disclosure. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

Note 3: CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the assumed interest (or discount) rate was decreased from 7.10% to 7.00% per annum. During the year ended December 31, 2021, the assumed interest (or discount) rate was decreased from 7.20% to 7.10% per annum. During the year ended December 31, 2021, the mortality basis was changed from the RP-2014 Blue Collar Generational Mortality table with Improvement Scale MP-2020 to the RP-2014 Blue Collar Generational Mortality table with Improvement Scale MP-2021. During the year ended December 31, 2022, there were no changes in the mortality basis or mortality rates.

RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4: INVESTMENTS

Investments at December 31, 2022 and 2021 consist of the following mutual funds, which are stated at fair value:

	2022	2021
Money market fund:		
Principal Blackrock Short Term Investment Fund S1	\$ 855,918	\$ 904,700
Total money market fund	855,918	904,700
	2022	2021
Mutual funds:		
Fixed Income:		
Metropolitan West Total Return Bond Fund Class I	3,994,751	4,789,742
Total fixed income	3,994,751	4,789,742
International equity:		
Acadian Emerging Markets Portfolio Class I	657,584	877,122
Europacific Growth Fund Class R6	1,085,764	1,550,847
Invesco Oppenheimer Developing Markets Fund Class R6	645,768	937,789
Total international equity	2,389,116	3,365,758
Commodity:		
Alps/Corecommodity Management Complete Commoditiessm Strategy Fund Class I	1,037,824	1,308,638
Total commodity	1,037,824	1,308,638
Real Estate:		
Vanguard Real Estate Index Fund Class ADM	1,076,306	1,364,448
Total real estate	1,076,306	1,364,448
Total mutual funds	\$ 8,497,997	\$ 10,828,586

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RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4: INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

	2022	2021
Collective investment funds:		
Domestic equity:		
Principal Multi-Manager Small Cap CI CIT N	\$ 2,139,461	3,624,769
Principal Blackrock International Equity Index CIT N	2,152,544	2,825,688
Principal Blackrock S&P Midcap Index CIT N	4,304,076	4,665,739
Principal Blackrock S&P 500 Index CIT N	5,536,584	6,123,651
Principal MFS Value CIT N	1,730,447	1,575,049
Principal T Rowe Price Institutional Equity Income Managed CIT N	1,726,927	1,554,350
Principal T Rowe Price Institutional Large-Cap Growth Managed C CIT N	1,260,908	1,515,121
Principal Voya Large Cap Growth CIT N	1,255,606	1,528,205
Total domestic equity	20,106,553	23,412,572
Fixed income:		
Allspring Core Bond CIT N	3,997,097	4,792,718
Principal Dodge & Cox Intermediate Bond CIT N	4,005,449	4,800,478
Principal Federated Total Return Bond CIT N	4,002,663	4,798,147
Total fixed income	12,005,209	14,391,343
International equity:		
Principal Causeway International Value CIT N	1,077,453	1,558,962
Total international equity	1,077,453	1,558,962
Total collective investment funds	33,189,215	39,362,877
Total investments	\$ 42,543,130	\$ 51,096,163

RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4: INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Fair Value Measurements

GASB 72, Fair Value Measurements and Application, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurement). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under GASB 72 are described as follows:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs, other than quoted prices, that are:
 - observable; or
 - can be corroborated by observable market data.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in methodologies used at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Money Market Fund: Value is stated at cost, which approximates fair value.

Mutual Funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the SEC. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Common stocks: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4: INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Corporate bonds: Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities. This includes basing value on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings. When quoted prices are not available for identical or similar bonds, the bond is valued under a discounted cash flows approach that maximizes observable inputs, such as current yields of similar instruments, but includes adjustments for certain risks that may not be observable, such as credit and liquidity risks or a broker quote if available.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan Administrator believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2022:

	Quoted prices in active market for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Fair value
<i>December 31, 2022</i>			
Money market fund	\$ 855,918	\$ -	\$ 855,918
Mutual funds	8,497,997	-	8,497,997
Common/ Collective trust funds	-	33,189,215	33,189,215
Total investments, at fair value	\$ 9,353,915	\$ 33,189,215	\$ 42,543,130

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021:

	Quoted prices in active market for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Fair value
<i>December 31, 2021</i>			
Money market fund	\$ 904,700	\$ -	\$ 904,700
Mutual funds	10,828,586	-	10,828,586
Common/ Collective trust funds	-	39,362,877	39,362,877
Total investments, at fair value	\$ 11,733,286	\$ 39,362,877	\$ 51,096,163

RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4: INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. As market interest rates rise, the fair value of an investment held decreases. The Plan's current Investment Policy does not specifically address interest rate risk. The Plan does, however, monitor exposure using the "Segmented Time Distribution" method.

The following is a list of fixed income investments and related maturity schedule (in years) as of December 31, 2022 and 2021. The Maturity schedule is based on the average maturity of the fund as noted by the fund manager.

Investment Type	Fair Value	Less than			
		1 year	1 - 5 years	5- 10 years	10 + years
December 31, 2022					
Collective Investment Funds:					
Fixed Income					
Allspring Core Bond CIT N	\$ 3,997,097	\$ 17,987	\$ 999,275	\$ 636,738	\$ 2,343,097
Principal Dodge & Cox Intermediate Bond Fund CIT N	4,005,449	34,447	547,945	539,133	2,883,924
Principal Federated Total					
Return Bond Fund CIT N	4,002,663	469,913	913,808	1,025,082	1,593,860
Total	\$ 12,005,209	\$ 522,347	\$ 2,461,028	\$ 2,200,953	\$ 6,820,881

December 31, 2021

Collective Investment Funds:

Fixed Income

Allspring Core Bond	\$ 4,792,718	\$ 143,782	\$ 2,252,577	\$ 1,533,670	\$ 862,689
Principal Dodge & Cox Intermediate Bond Fund	4,800,478	96,011	1,872,186	1,968,196	864,085
Principal Federated Total					
Return Bond Fund	4,798,147	191,926	959,629	182,389	2,063,203
Total	\$ 14,391,343	\$ 431,719	\$ 5,084,392	\$ 3,684,255	\$ 3,789,977

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Note 4: INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations to the Plan. The Plan's investment policy addresses general provisions relating to common stocks where limits are established on percentage of investing in a particular stock. The policy also stresses high quality and reasonable diversification of fixed income investments with portfolio holdings concentrated in securities rated A or better, limiting 10% of holdings invested in issues rated below BBB, only with management approval.

Custodial Credit Risk

Investment securities are exposed to custodial credit risk if the securities are uninsured, are not registered in the name of the government, and are held by counterparty, or counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the government's name. This is the risk that in the event of bank or investment failure, the Plan's deposits or investments may not be returned. The Plan's investment policy does not specifically address custodial credit risk; however, all of Defined Benefits' deposits and investments are in the name of the Plan and Trust. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Plan's deposits or investments exposed to custodial credit risk are minimal.

Concentration of Credit Risk

This is the risk of investing predominately in any one type of investment or entity. The Plan recognizes over-concentration of assets by market sector or maturity as a risk to the portfolio. The Plan's adopted investment policy established diversification as a major objective of the investment program and sets diversification limits for all authorized investment types which are monitored on a monthly basis. Per the policy, no equity holding may exceed 5% of the outstanding voting shares of the issuing corporation. Likewise, regarding fixed income investments, not more than 5% of the market value of the total portfolio may be invested in the debt securities of any one company. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, there were no exceptions to these policy limits.

The following is the Plan's adopted asset allocation ranges as of December 31, 2022:

	Target %	Maximum %	Minimum %	Benchmark
Cash	2%	3%	0%	Treasury Bill Equivalent
Equities	60%	70%	50%	S & P 500
Fixed Income	38%	50%	27%	Barclays Capital Aggregate

RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4: INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Rate of Return

The portfolio is expected to produce a compounded annual absolute return over a market cycle of at least 7.0%. For the year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, the annual dollar-weighted rate of return (loss) on the Plan's investments, net of pension plan investment expense, was (14.50) and 12.02 percent, respectively. The dollar-weighted rate of return demonstrates that the present value of future cash flows plus the final market value of investments equal the current market price of investment.

The Plan's fixed income investments are rated based on the average quality of the fixed income investments as noted below:

	Allspring Core Bond CIT N	Principal Dodge & Cox Intermediate Bond CIT N	Principal Federated Total Return Bond CIT N	Total
<i>December 31, 2022</i>				
AAA	\$ 2,998,622	\$ 1,947,049	\$ 2,694,593	\$ 7,640,264
AA	69,949	138,188	59,239	267,377
A	455,269	263,559	283,389	1,002,217
BBB	461,665	1,142,354	523,148	2,127,167
BB and Below	11,592	459,425	276,984	748,001
Other	-	54,874	165,310	220,184
Total fixed income	\$ 3,997,097	\$ 4,005,449	\$ 4,002,663	\$ 12,005,209
<i>December 31, 2021</i>				
Cash	\$ -	\$ 96,010	\$ 95,963	\$ 191,973
U.S. Treasury	-	1,104,110	-	1,104,110
U.S. Agency	-	1,728,172	-	1,728,172
AAA	3,259,048	48,005	-	3,307,053
AA	47,927	96,010	2,303,111	2,447,048
A	431,345	144,014	-	575,359
BBB	910,616	1,056,105	479,815	2,446,536
BB and Below	143,782	480,048	1,583,389	2,207,219
Other	-	48,004	335,870	383,874
Total fixed income	\$ 4,792,718	\$4,800,478	\$ 4,798,147	\$ 14,391,343

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Note 5: NET PENSION (ASSET) LIABILITY

The Net Pension Liability is measured as the Total Pension Liability, less the amount of the Plan's Fiduciary Net Position. In actuarial terms, this will be the accrued liability less the market value of assets. The components of the Plan's Net Pension (Asset) Liability as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

<i>As of December 31,</i>	2022	2021
Total pension liability	\$ 53,564,918	\$ 50,154,625
Plan fiduciary net position	42,537,443	51,096,163
Net pension (asset) liability	\$ 11,027,475	\$ (941,538)
 Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension (asset) liability	 79.41%	 101.88%

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Inflation	2.25% per annum, compounded annually
Salary increases	3.50% per annum, compounded annually
Mortality	RP-2014 Blue Collar Generational Mortality table adjusted to 2006 and projected using Scale MP-2021

Long-Term Expected Rate of Plan Returns

The long-term expected rate of return on Plan investments was determined considering historical performance and using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of Plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

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Note 5: NET PENSION (ASSET) LIABILITY (CONTINUED)

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Plan's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity - Large Cap	20%	4.10%
Domestic Equity - Mid Cap	10%	4.55%
Domestic Equity - Small Cap	10%	4.55%
International Equity	15%	5.45%
Fixed Income	38%	1.05%
Domestic Real Estate	2.5%	3.54%
Commodities	2.5%	1.79%
Cash	2%	0.00%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.0%. Pursuant to Paragraph 43 of GASB No. 67, an alternative analysis was performed to compare the Plan's net fiduciary position to projected benefit payments.

1. The normal cost represents the annual cost of providing an additional year of pension benefits for active participants.
2. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability represents the accumulated deficiency of the total cost of benefit payments which have already been earned over the current assets held by the Plan's trust.
3. The Authority's contribution policy is to make an annual payment equal to the normal cost plus the amortization payment of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The amortization payment is calculated as a level dollar amount over a period of 15 years from January 1, 2009.
4. A review of actual contributions over the past five years shows that the Authority has made sufficient contributions to meet its funding policy.

On the basis of the above, the projected cash flows will be sufficient to provide the benefit payments to the Plan participants. Thus, the discount rate is equal to the long-term expected rate of return of 7.0%.

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Note 5: NET PENSION (ASSET) LIABILITY (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability of the Plan, calculated using the discount rate of 7.0%, as well as what the Plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.0%) or 1-percentage point higher (8.0%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease 6.00%	Current Discount Rate 7.00%	1% Increase 8.00%
Net pension liability	\$ 17,259,921	\$ 11,027,475	\$ 5,806,448

Note 6: PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Authority expressly reserves the right under the Plan to terminate or partially terminate the Plan and its contributions thereunder at any time subject to the provisions set forth in section 7 of the Plan and by giving written notice of such termination or discontinuation of its contribution to the Trustee. In the event the Plan terminates, or partially terminates, the present value of the benefits shall be determined as of the Plan termination date and the assets of the Trust Fund shall be allocated to the extent they shall be sufficient, after providing for expenses and administration, in the following order:

1. First
 - a. To benefits which are being paid as of three years prior to the date of termination of the Plan, with the amount to be allocated to such benefit, based on the provisions of the Plan in effect during the five-year period immediately preceding the date of termination under which such benefit would be least.
 - b. To benefits which would have been paid as of three years prior to the date of termination (i) if the Participant had retired prior to the three-year period and (ii) if his benefits had commenced (in the normal form of annuity under the Plan) as of the beginning of such three-year period, with the amount to be allocated to each such benefit determined under the provisions of the Plan in effect during the five-year period preceding the date of termination under which the benefit would be the least.
2. Second, to all other vested Accrued Benefits as determined under Section 3.05.
3. Third, to all other Accrued Benefits attributable to non-vested participants.

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Note 6: PLAN TERMINATION (CONTINUED)

For purposes of 1.b.i above, the lowest benefit in pay status during a three-year period shall be considered the benefit in pay status for such period.

If the assets available for allocation to any class specified above are insufficient to satisfy in full the benefits of all individuals within that class, the assets shall be allocated pro-rata among such individuals on the basis of present value (as of the termination date) of their respective benefits.

Note 7: TAX STATUS

On April 27, 2017 the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued a favorable determination letter stating that the Plan was in compliance with Section 1.401-1(b)(3) of the Code of Federal Regulations.



REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust
Schedule of Net Pension Liability
Last 9 Years

For the year ended December 31,	Total Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Employer's Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a % of Total Pension Liability	Covered Payroll	Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a % of Covered Payroll
2022	\$ 53,564,918	\$ 42,537,443	\$ 11,027,475	79.41%	\$ 12,603,883	87.5%
2021	50,154,625	51,096,163	(941,538)	101.88%	11,696,475	-8.0%
2020	47,287,748	46,554,157	733,591	98.45%	10,975,562	6.7%
2019	44,625,498	42,170,049	2,455,449	94.50%	10,668,048	23.0%
2018	40,368,821	33,900,179	6,468,642	83.98%	10,677,430	60.6%
2017	37,069,237	36,440,324	628,913	98.30%	9,773,977	6.4%
2016	34,966,314	32,583,077	2,383,237	93.18%	9,178,411	26.0%
2015	33,530,870	30,210,461	3,320,409	90.10%	8,818,232	37.7%
2014	31,895,409	31,162,434	732,975	97.70%	7,274,172	10.1%

Note to Schedule:

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See Notes to Required Supplementary Information.

RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust
Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios
Last 9 Years

<i>For the year ended December 31,</i>	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total Pension Liability									
Service cost	\$ 988,099	\$ 990,244	\$ 926,286	\$ 879,904	\$ 1,066,449	\$ 980,740	\$ 941,470	\$ 876,806	\$ 695,517
Interest on total pension liability	3,546,868	3,404,718	3,257,661	2,987,293	2,780,193	2,620,680	2,521,413	2,396,547	2,254,495
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	-	-	313,503	-	-	115,478	391,915
Changes between expected and actual experience	726,557	162,958	336,157	1,943,344	(241,238)	335,013	(465,534)	(260,046)	784,295
Changes of assumptions	563,863	601,314	361,060	373,385	1,189,575	-	-	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(2,415,094)	(2,292,357)	(2,218,914)	(1,927,249)	(1,808,898)	(1,833,510)	(1,561,905)	(1,493,324)	(1,248,266)
Net change in total pension liability	3,410,293	2,866,877	2,662,250	4,256,677	3,299,584	2,102,923	1,435,444	1,635,461	2,877,956
Total pension liability, beginning	50,154,625	47,287,748	44,625,498	40,368,821	37,069,237	34,965,814	33,530,370	31,894,909	29,016,953
Total pension liability, ending (a)	\$53,564,918	\$ 50,154,625	\$ 47,287,748	\$ 44,625,498	\$ 40,368,821	\$ 37,068,737	\$ 34,965,814	\$ 33,530,370	\$ 31,894,909
Plan Fiduciary Net Position									
Contributions - employer	\$ 1,382,108	\$ 1,382,108	\$ 1,227,724	\$ 3,691,087	\$ 1,425,533	\$ 1,383,969	\$ 1,503,736	\$ 985,175	\$ 1,178,498
Investment income net of investment expenses	(7,400,557)	5,597,624	5,498,173	6,617,918	(2,046,180)	4,409,016	2,523,595	(348,950)	1,706,547
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(2,415,094)	(2,292,357)	(2,218,914)	(1,927,249)	(1,808,898)	(1,833,510)	(1,561,905)	(1,493,324)	(1,248,266)
Administrative expenses	(125,177)	(145,369)	(122,875)	(111,886)	(110,600)	(102,228)	(92,810)	(94,874)	(91,465)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	(8,558,720)	4,542,006	4,384,108	8,269,870	(2,540,145)	3,857,247	2,372,616	(951,973)	1,545,314
Plan fiduciary net position, beginning	51,096,163	46,554,157	42,170,049	33,900,179	36,440,324	32,583,077	30,210,461	31,162,434	29,617,120
Plan fiduciary net position, ending (b)	\$42,537,443	\$ 51,096,163	\$ 46,554,157	\$ 42,170,049	\$ 33,900,179	\$ 36,440,324	\$ 32,583,077	\$ 30,210,461	\$ 31,162,434
Net pension (asset) liability, ending = (a) - (b)	\$11,027,475	\$ (941,538)	\$ 733,591	\$ 2,455,449	\$ 6,468,642	\$ 628,413	\$ 2,382,737	\$ 3,319,909	\$ 732,475
Plan fiduciary net position as a % of total pension liability	79.41%	101.88%	91.96%	83.98%	98.30%	93.19%	90.10%	97.70%	97.70%
Covered payroll	\$12,603,883	\$ 11,696,475	\$ 10,668,048	\$ 10,677,430	\$ 9,773,977	\$ 9,178,411	\$ 8,818,232	\$ 7,274,172	\$ 7,274,172
Net pension (asset) liability as a % of covered payroll	87.49%	-8.05%	33.62%	60.58%	6.43%	25.96%	37.65%	10.07%	10.07%

Note to Schedule:

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*Multiple valuations were performed in 2018. The December 31, 2017 valuation was necessary to roll forward the valuation to December 31, 2018, but was not utilized in the financial statements.

See Notes to Required Supplementary Information.

**RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust
Schedule of Contributions
Last 10 Years**

Year Ended December 31	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Contributions in Relation to the Actuarial Determined Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Payroll
2022	\$ 1,330,108	\$ 1,382,108	\$ (52,000)	\$ 12,603,883	11.00%
2021	1,382,108	1,382,108	-	11,696,475	11.80%
2020	1,306,947	1,227,724	79,223	10,975,562	11.20%
2019	1,227,724	3,691,087	(2,463,363)	10,668,048	34.60%
2018	1,191,087	1,425,533	(234,446)	10,677,430	13.35%
2017	1,399,307	1,383,969	15,338	9,773,977	14.16%
2016	1,468,804	1,503,736	(34,932)	9,178,411	16.38%
2015	983,696	985,175	(1,479)	8,818,232	11.17%
2014	695,517	1,178,498	(482,981)	7,274,172	16.20%
2013	988,534	1,280,330	(291,796)	7,474,445	17.13%

See Notes to Required Supplementary Information.

**RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust
Schedule of Investment Returns
Last 9 Years**

Year Ended December 31	Net Money-Weighted Rate of Return
2022	-14.51%
2021	12.02%
2020	13.07%
2019	18.98%
2018	-5.40%
2017	13.12%
2016	8.01%
2015	-1.42%
2014	5.07%

Note to Schedule:

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RTA Employees Defined Benefit Plan and Trust Notes to Required Supplementary Information

Factors that significantly affect trends in amounts reported

For the periods presented, there were no changes of benefit terms or changes in the size or composition of the population covered by the benefit terms which significantly affect trends in the amounts reported. For the December 31, 2022 there were no changes in assumptions. For the December 31, 2021 valuation, the assumed rates of mortality were changed from the RP-2014 Blue Collar Generational Mortality table with Improvement Scale MP-2020 to the RP-2014 Blue Collar Generation Mortality Table with Improvement Scale MP-2021.

Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions

The following actuarially determined methods and assumptions were used to determine contribution rates reported for the year ended December 31, 2022:

Valuation Date	December 31, 2022	
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal Actuarial Cost Method	
Amortization Method	Level Dollar	
Remaining Amortization Period	Average working lifetime of all participants	
Mortality Rate	RP-2014 Blue Collar Generational Mortality table with Improvement Scale MP-2021	
Asset Valuation Method	Fair Market Value based on quoted market prices	
Actuarial Assumptions:		
Investment rate of return	7.00% compounded annually	
Inflation rate	2.25% compounded annually	
Retirement age	Later of age 62 with 7 or more years of employment	
Disability and rate:	None assumed	
Retirement Rates:		
	Age	Retirement Rates
	55-61	20%
	62	35%
	63-64	15%
	65	25%
	66-67	20%
	68-69	50%
	70	100%
Projected salary increases	3.5% per year until the assumed retirement age and 15% in year of retirement to account for non-regular compensation, includes inflation at 2.5%.	
Cost of Living adjustment	2.5% per year for participants receiving monthly benefits whose benefits began on or before January 1, 2015.	