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and Compliance Report

June 30, 2023 and 2022

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the City Council  
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### **Report on the Financial Statements**

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Transportation Fund (the Fund) of the City of Chico (the City), as of and for years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the 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 financial position of the Transportation Fund of the City of Chico as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, 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 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City of Chico 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.

#### ***Emphasis-of-Matter***

As discussed in Note B, the financial statements present only the Transportation Fund of the City of Chico and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City of Chico as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the changes in financial position, or where applicable, its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

#### ***Auditor's 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 auditor's 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

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an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 Chico'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.

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 audits.

#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

#### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 20, 2024 on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting related to the Fund and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters, and the Transportation Development Act. 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 the City's 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 City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Richardson & Company, LLP*

February 20, 2024

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BALANCE SHEETS

June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and investments	\$ 6,958,462	\$ 5,513,965
Accounts receivable	420	
Due from other governments	2,680	279,449
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 6,961,562</b>	<b>\$ 5,793,414</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 12,924	\$ 149,240
Accrued salaries and benefits		8,278
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	12,924	157,518
 <b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Unavailable revenues		276,609
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		276,609
 <b>FUND BALANCE</b>		
Restricted for transportation projects	6,772,305	5,132,284
Restricted for transit/rail	176,333	227,003
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	6,948,638	5,359,287
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 6,961,562</b>	<b>\$ 5,793,414</b>

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

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STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
REVENUES		
Local Transportation Funds:		
Streets and roads	\$ 2,622,635	\$ 1,951,110
Pedestrian and bicycle	1,137,836	678,110
Passenger rail and capital operations		119,545
Other grants		195,000
Use of money and property	19,962	(178,313)
Miscellaneous revenue	1,320	1,950
TOTAL REVENUES	3,781,753	2,767,402
EXPENDITURES		
Contributions for transit service	14,640	54,099
Streets and roads	2,006,304	1,671,271
Pedestrian and bicycle	128,728	129,612
Passenger rail	37,444	35,910
Transit administration	5,286	8,064
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,192,402	1,898,956
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	1,589,351	868,446
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/USES		
Transfers out		(100,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/USES		(100,000)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	1,589,351	768,446
Fund balance at beginning of year	5,359,287	4,590,841
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 6,948,638	\$ 5,359,287

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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023 and 2022

NOTE A – ORGANIZATION

The City of Chico (the City) receives funds under the provisions of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) from the Butte County Local Transportation Fund (LTF) primarily under Article 8, Sections 99400(a), 99400(b) and 99402. The funds represent amounts available after the determination by the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG), the transportation planning agency administering TDA funds, of amounts needed to meet the transportation needs of the City not otherwise being met. The City's Article 8, Section 99400(a) LTF funds are to be used for local street and road projects. The City's Article 8, Section 99400(b) LTF funds are to be used for passenger rail service and capital improvements. The City's Article 8, Section 99402 LTF Funds are to be used for development, contribution, and maintenance of the City's streets and highways network, including planning and contributions to the transportation planning process, acquisition of real property, and construction of facilities and buildings. The City contracts for bus services through BCAG's transit fund, Butte Regional Transit (BRT), and BRT claims Article 4 LTF and State Transit Assistance funds directly to support the transportation system. The Transportation Fund is used to account for these TDA funds received by the City.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation: The financial statements of the Transportation Fund (the Fund) of the City have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Reporting Entity: The financial statements are intended to present the financial position and results of operations of only those transactions recorded in the Fund. The Fund is included in the financial statements of the City.

Fund Accounting: The accounts of the City are organized on the basis of funds. A fund is an accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts established to record the financial position and results of operations of a specific governmental activity.

The City utilizes the special revenue fund type of the governmental fund group to account for the activities of the Transportation Fund. Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for a specific purpose.

Basis of Accounting: The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. A special revenue fund is accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by special revenue funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual, i.e., when they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period, which is generally 90 days. LTF revenues are recognized when all eligibility requirements have been met and the amounts are received within 90 days. Revenues that do not meet this availability period are deferred inflows of resources. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

When restricted and non-restricted type resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use restricted resources first, then non-restricted resources as they are needed.

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NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Deferred Inflows of Resources: Deferred inflows of resources in governmental funds arise when a potential revenue source does not meet both the “measurable” and “available” criteria for recognition in the current period. Deferred inflows of resources consisted of TDA revenues for which all eligibility requirements had been met at year end, but the amounts were not received from BCAG within the 90-day availability period.

Fund Balance: Restrictions of fund balance represent amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers or through enabling legislation. The restrictions of fund balance are according to the provisions of the Transportation Development Act. Nonspendable fund balance represents balances set aside to indicate items do not represent available, spendable resources even though they are a component of assets. Fund balances required to be maintained intact, such as “advances to other funds” are included.

NOTE C – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Transportation Fund’s cash is held in the City Treasury. The City maintains an investment pool and allocates interest to the various funds based upon the average daily cash balances. Investments held in the City’s investment pool are available on demand to the TDA Fund and are stated at cost, which approximates fair value. The City’s investment policy, interest rate risk, and credit risk may be found in the notes to the City’s basic financial statements.

NOTE D – DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Due from other governments consists of the following at June 30:

	2023	2022
Butte County Association of Governments		
Downtown Transit Center rent	\$ 1,500	\$ 500
Other	1,180	2,340
Transportation Development Act:		
Local Transportation Fund		
Fiscal year 2021/2022		276,609
Total due from other governments	\$ 2,680	\$ 279,449

NOTE E – TRANSFERS

In 2022, the City transferred \$100,000 from the Transportation Fund to the General Fund in accordance with the City’s indirect cost reimbursement plan for administrative expenses associated with the planning of local streets and roads projects and for allowable Article 8, streets and roads maintenance expenditures.





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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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*  
AND THE TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT

To the City Council  
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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 General of the United States, the financial statements of the Transportation Fund (the Fund) of the City of Chico (the City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Fund's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 20, 2024.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City'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 City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City'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 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 a material weakness. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Fund'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. Our audit was further made to determine that Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds allocated and received by the City were expended in conformance with the applicable statutes, rules and regulations of the TDA and Section 6666 of the California Code of Regulations. 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* or the TDA.

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**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* and the TDA in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Richardson & Company, LLP*

February 20, 2024