



Approved by the CATA Board of Directors – June 17, 2020

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2019 ANNUAL REPORT

OCTOBER 1, 2018 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

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On March 10 this year, as polling officials counted ballots – including the Capital Area Transportation Authority’s millage renewal – Michigan’s first two presumptive-positive cases of COVID-19 were identified. As we waited for the final ballot count in the early morning hours the following day, we learned that 73.94 percent of voters had passed another 5-year millage to fund CATA. We thank you for once again demonstrating that you recognize the value public transportation brings to the region.

For CATA, victory was bittersweet. The dark cloud of COVID-19 meant there would be no time for celebration. In its wake, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declared a state of emergency. We rolled up our sleeves, ready to respond.

On March 16, CATA implemented a work-from-home directive and planned service reductions, followed by the closure of the CTC. In conjunction with the state’s shelter-in-place mandate, we suspended regular-route bus service and closed all of our public facilities. Soon after, the remaining bulk of our workforce was directed to work from home.

If every cloud has a silver lining, we found ours in a small contingent of CATA drivers who stepped up to provide fare-free, demand-response, curb-to-curb rides for essential workers and individuals who needed access to life-sustaining services such as cancer and dialysis treatments; and for groceries, cash and prescriptions. Our drivers also assisted the Capital Area Community Services with food-package deliveries to low-income households. A handful of Maintenance, Utilities, Facilities and administrative personnel provided much-needed behind-the-scenes support. These individuals comprised CATA’s Pandemic Response Team.

As we prepare our 2019 Annual Report, we do so against a backdrop of uncertainty; of a now-waning but virulent virus that has changed the way we live, the way we conduct business and the way we interact. We look forward to reopening – cautious and careful. Hopeful.

Terms such as social distancing and quarantine are now part of our daily vocabulary. New sanitization protocols and face masks are commonplace. We have grown accustomed to waiting in long lines, standing 6 feet apart, and paying for goods and services through Plexiglas barriers.

Throughout the pandemic, we recognize that the many measures we’ve taken to ensure the safety and well-being of our employees and riders have not always been convenient. We thank you for your patience and for your continued trust in CATA as we put safety above convenience.



In light of all that has transpired since COVID-19 first arrived in Michigan, fiscal 2019 seems all but a distant memory. It was, however, a year of outstanding progress, growth and stability. In partnership with Lansing and East Lansing neighborhoods, CATA installed several new high-tech bus shelters; recorded 11,049,317 trips – a 40.6 percent boost in campus trips and, system-wide, a 6.4 percent jump in ridership – our agency’s strongest growth in 12 years; we partnered with Lansing Board of Water & Light to ensure that 100 percent of our energy demand comes from renewable sources; we implemented a chat functionality on our website; created a series of how-to-ride videos and 360-degree virtual tours of our facilities and buses; procured a new security services contractor; finalized our strategic plan; partnered with the Capital Area District Libraries and the Capital Region Housing Coalition; provided our Customer Experience Representatives with training and an opportunity to earn a certificate in Service Skills; launched a Disadvantaged Populations initiative; applied for and was awarded a grant that will help raise awareness about human-trafficking and how to prevent it; sponsored and supported two career fairs; and procured and debuted 23 new Nova buses.

Whether it’s business as usual or a “new normal” at CATA, we are resilient and responsive; creative and compassionate, putting the safety of our employees, riders and the public above all else. Even on the darkest of days, we will find a silver lining.

Sincerely,



Nathan Triplett
Board Chair



Bradley T. Funkhouser, AICP
Chief Executive Officer

CATA LEADERSHIP

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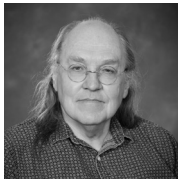
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CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

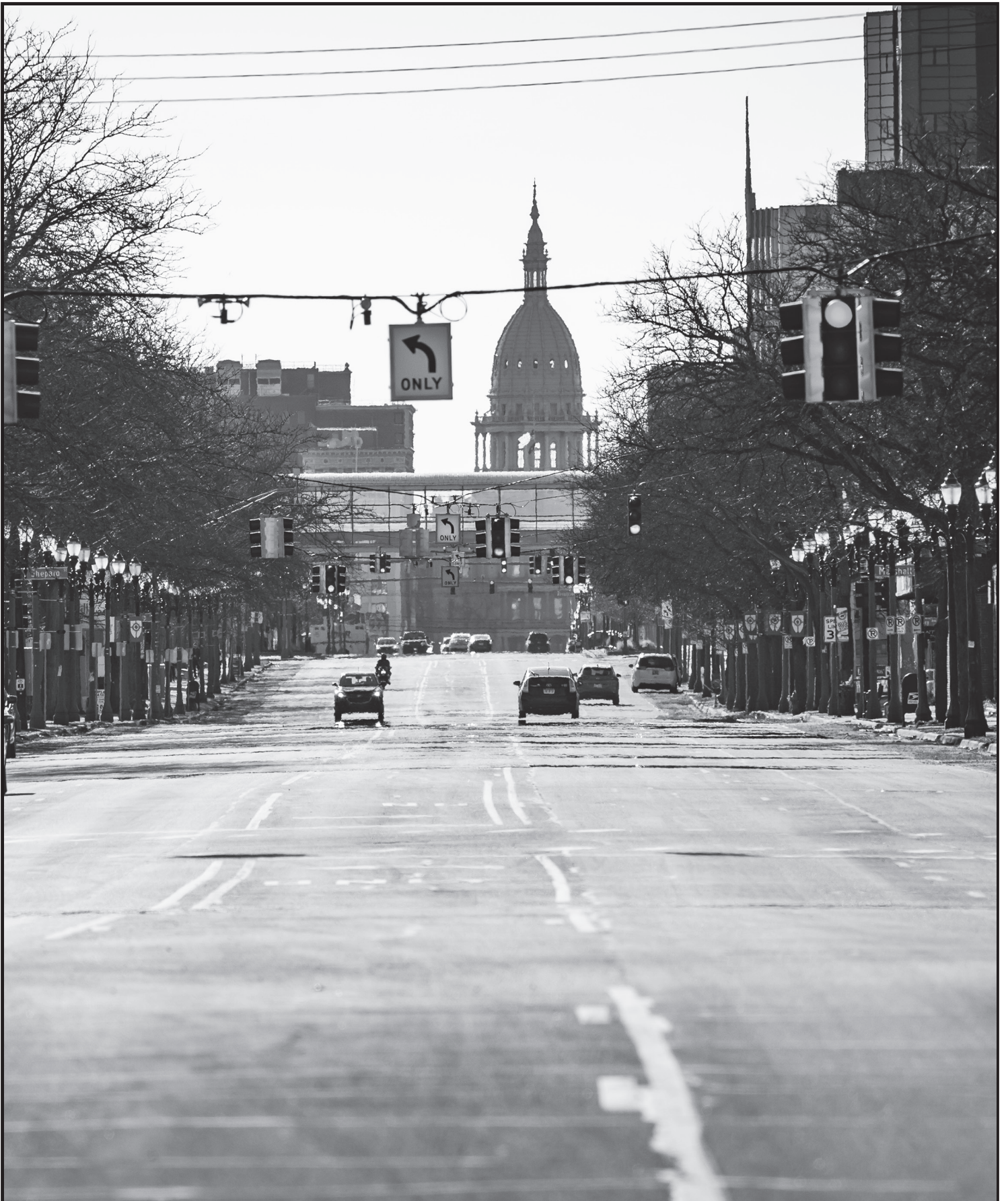
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

Year ended September 30

ASSETS	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 54,242	\$ 1,956,827
Investments	15,220,426	30,447,359
Accounts Receivable	2,430,484	1,203,192
Due From Government	18,055,266	3,298,217
Inventory	1,475,660	1,345,462
Prepaid Expenses	727,396	459,387
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	37,963,474	38,710,444
CAPITAL ASSETS – NET	53,443,793	48,110,309
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 91,407,267	\$ 86,820,753
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS RELATED TO PENSION AND HEALTH CARE	5,108,512	4,761,846
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable	2,196,706	2,810,916
Due to Government	-	327,422
Accrued Vacation, Incentives and Sick Pay	1,093,250	1,026,579
Reserve For Workers' Compensation Claims	77,146	534,577
Reserve For Health Insurance Costs	400,000	332,000
Unearned Revenue	142,134	128,901
Other Current Liabilities	2,765,485	691,581
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	6,674,721	5,851,976
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Net Pension Liability	4,064,481	2,481,286
Other Post-Retirement Benefits	44,248,595	42,792,732
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	48,313,076	45,274,018
TOTAL LIABILITIES	54,987,797	51,125,994
DEFERRED INFLOWS RELATED TO PENSION AND HEALTH CARE	1,119,181	3,985,369
Net Assets		
Invested In Capital Assets	53,443,793	45,318,973
Restricted For Capital Purchases	113,045	-
Unrestricted	(13,148,037)	(8,847,737)
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 40,408,801	\$ 36,471,236

**CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES & CHANGES IN
NET POSITION**

	Year ended September 30	
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
OPERATING REVENUES	\$ 14,362,822	\$ 12,076,644
OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>62,328,533</u>	<u>55,841,770</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	(47,965,711)	(43,765,126)
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>37,612,276</u>	<u>35,224,683</u>
Net Income (Loss) Before Capital Contributions	(10,353,435)	(8,540,443)
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS – GRANTS	14,291,000	1,043,659
SPECIAL ITEM	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,762,410)</u>
Change in Net Position	3,937,565	(11,259,194)
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR (as restated)	<u>36,471,236</u>	<u>47,730,430</u>
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	\$ 40,408,801	\$ 36,471,236



CATA Mission Statement:

To meet the mobility needs of our region by providing innovative solutions in partnership with the communities we serve.



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