



*Approved by the CATA Board of Directors April 21, 2021.*

**CATA**

**DRIVES JOBS  
DRIVES ECONOMY  
DRIVES COMMUNITY  
DRIVES YOU**

**2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

OCTOBER 1, 2019 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

COVER PHOTO: In March and April 2021, CATA conducted a vaccination clinic for its employees and contracted transportation service providers, including their family members.



April 21, 2021

Twenty-twenty will forever be remembered as *The Year of COVID*. Without a doubt, it was both tragic and tumultuous. The early months of 2021 have likewise been challenging for our region, state, nation and the world.

Throughout history, if we have learned anything about the indomitable human spirit and our will to overcome oppression, deprivation, hardship and yes, pandemics, it is, perhaps, this: There is always hope. In the face of adversity, we have the capacity to not only survive, but to thrive.

Even when all seems lost, hope enables us to persevere. Humankind endured despite the bubonic plague, smallpox, cholera, influenza, H3N2, HIV/AIDS and SARS. Tragically, far too many have lost loved ones – family and friends – as well as livelihoods, to the ravages of disease.

On March 10, 2020, the first presumptive-positive cases of coronavirus were announced in Ingham County. The following morning, we learned that voters had passed CATA's operating millage by a resounding margin of 73.94 percent. Since then, there have been 20,643<sup>i</sup> recorded cases of COVID-19 in Ingham County and 310<sup>ii</sup> related deaths. Statewide, there are 723,297<sup>iii</sup> confirmed cases and 16,400<sup>iv</sup> COVID deaths.

Also, in March 2020, the Federal Transit Administration awarded CATA \$18.3 million in 5307 funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act. In December, we received an additional \$16.2 million in 5307 and \$49,916 in 5310 funds through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act. Then, in March, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan of 2021, awarding CATA \$26.2 million in 5307 and \$49,917 in 5310 funds. CATA's commitment to customer, public and employee safety has never wavered. These funds were used to purchase and distribute personal protective equipment, including facemasks, face shields, sanitation and disinfecting sprays and wipes. CATA procured the services of a bus-sanitation company to disinfect vehicles at key transit hubs throughout the day, every day. We installed Plexiglas and Visqueen barriers in vehicles and work spaces, and launched several public education and public information campaigns. We drove individuals without access to transportation to COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites, and delivered food to low-income households.

To slow the spread of COVID-19 and keep our communities safe, CATA led the state's transit systems' service shutdown, following Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's declaration of a state of emergency, by suspending service and closing our facilities. As anticipated, ridership declined dramatically in COVID's harsh wake. We reinvented our service by nimbly offering demand-response, curb-to-curb job-access trips for our region's essential workers, as well as trips to life-sustaining services, including those for groceries and



food, cancer and kidney-dialysis treatments, prescriptions and financial assets. In fiscal year 2020, CATA delivered 7.3 million rides, primarily for those in our community with the greatest need for public transportation during the pandemic.

In addition to implementing a work-from-home directive and planned service reductions, including the closure of our public facilities, CATA's Pandemic Response Team – a small contingent of drivers, mechanics; and utilities and administrative personnel remained on the job. No employees were laid off or furloughed; all received full compensation and benefits. To manage calls for trips for essential workers and to essential services, we hired temporary employees – all of whom had lost their jobs with other employers due to COVID-19. We ultimately hired three of those individuals on a permanent basis to help staff our Customer Experience and Paratransit call centers.

In the face of COVID, CATA has maintained a laser-sharp focus on the safety and well-being of our riders, the public and our employees. We remained true to our mission, vision and values. We advanced our strategic goals of regional mobility, customer experience excellence, organizational strength, community partnership and a dynamic workplace.

To promote vaccine equity, CATA is, once again, collaborating with the state, along with Clinton Transit, EATRAN, Michigan Public Transit Association, Michigan Department of Transportation, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and each county's respective health officers. We are partnering with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services on the *Spread Hope Not COVID* campaign to educate the public about the safety and effectiveness of all three available COVID vaccines; to transport residents to vaccine sites and events; and to implement a mobile vaccine unit. We're excited to report more in the months ahead about our work on the statewide *Ride to Your Dose of Hope* initiative.

As CATA continues to drive jobs, the economy, our region and you, we remain committed to serving our community, stewarding public trust and finding creative ways to spread hope.

Sincerely,



**Nathan Triplett**  
Board Chair



**Bradley T. Funkhouser, AICP**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Title VI:** CATA services are provided in accordance with Title VI (of the Civil Rights Act of 1964), without discrimination based on race, color, national origin or other prohibited bases.

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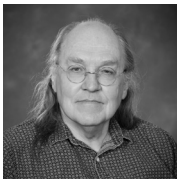
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# CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

## STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

Year ended September 30

| <b>ASSETS</b>  | <u>2020</u>          | <u>2019</u>          |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS:                                      |                      |                      |
| Cash   | \$ 4,133,239         | \$ 54,242            |
| Investments  | 17,777,826           | 15,220,426           |
| Accounts Receivable                                  | 332,816              | 2,430,484            |
| Due From Government                                  | 7,874,903            | 18,055,266           |
| Inventory  | 1,448,972            | 1,475,660            |
| Prepaid Expenses                                     | 854,145              | 727,396              |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>                          | <b>32,421,901</b>    | <b>37,963,474</b>    |
| NONCURRENT ASSETS                                    |                      |                      |
| NET PENSION ASSET                                    | 1,043,043            | -                    |
| CAPITAL ASSETS – NET                                 | 49,269,072           | 53,443,793           |
| <b>TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>                       | <b>50,312,115</b>    | <b>53,443,793</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                                  | <b>\$ 82,734,016</b> | <b>\$ 91,407,267</b> |
| DEFERRED OUTFLOWS RELATED TO PENSION AND HEALTH CARE | <b>34,290,283</b>    | <b>5,108,512</b>     |
| LIABILITIES  |                      |                      |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES:                                 |                      |                      |
| Accounts Payable                                     | 1,905,347            | 2,196,706            |
| Accrued Vacation, Incentives and Sick Pay            | 1,177,741            | 1,093,250            |
| Reserve For Workers' Compensation Claims             | 259,076              | 77,146               |
| Reserve For Health Insurance Costs                   | 552,000              | 400,000              |
| Unearned Revenue                                     | 29,790               | 142,134              |
| Other Current Liabilities                            | 2,976,493            | 2,765,485            |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                     | <b>6,900,447</b>     | <b>6,674,721</b>     |
| LONG-TERM LIABILITIES                                |                      |                      |
| Net Pension Liability                                | 713,551              | 4,064,481            |
| Other Post-Retirement Benefits                       | 79,849,424           | 44,248,595           |
| <b>TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>                   | <b>80,562,975</b>    | <b>48,313,076</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                             | <b>87,463,422</b>    | <b>54,987,797</b>    |
| DEFERRED INFLOWS RELATED TO PENSION AND HEALTH CARE  | <b>5,889,196</b>     | <b>1,119,181</b>     |
| Net Assets   |                      |                      |
| Invested In Capital Assets                           | 49,269,072           | 53,443,793           |
| Restricted For Capital Purchases                     | 73,864               | 113,045              |
| Unrestricted   | (25,671,255)         | (13,148,037)         |
| <b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>                            | <b>\$ 23,671,681</b> | <b>\$ 40,408,801</b> |

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

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|  | Year ended September 30 |                      |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|
|  | <u>2020</u>             | <u>2019</u>          |
| OPERATING REVENUES                             | \$ 9,511,372            | \$ 14,362,822        |
| OPERATING EXPENSES                             | <u>65,963,288</u>       | <u>62,328,533</u>    |
| Operating Income (Loss)                        | (56,451,916)            | (47,965,711)         |
| Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)              | <u>37,058,861</u>       | <u>37,612,276</u>    |
| Net Income (Loss) Before Capital Contributions | (19,393,055)            | (10,353,435)         |
| CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS – GRANTS                 | 2,655,935               | 14,291,000           |
| Change in Net Position                         | (16,737,120)            | 3,937,565            |
| NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR                | <u>40,408,801</u>       | <u>36,471,236</u>    |
| <b>NET POSITION, END OF YEAR</b>               | <b>\$ 23,671,681</b>    | <b>\$ 40,408,801</b> |

**CATA Mission Statement:**

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



PHOTO: The impact of COVID-19 between March and May 2020 during the state's shutdown order.

<sup>i</sup> As reported April 8, 2021, by The New York Times, [Ingham County, Michigan COVID Case Tracker - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)

<sup>ii</sup> Reported April 7, 2021, by USA Facts, [Ingham County, Michigan coronavirus cases and deaths | USAFacts](#)

<sup>iii</sup> As reported April 8, 2021, by the Detroit Free Press Michigan coronavirus cases: [Tracking the COVID-19 pandemic \(freep.com\)](#)

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