

VIRTUAL MEETING

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The New Orleans Regional Transit Authority does hereby certify that it is unable to hold a commission meeting under regular quorum requirements due to Covid-19. On authority of the Governor under Section 2 of Proclamation Number 84 JBE 2020, the next Commission meeting will be held via telephone and/or video conference on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 10:00 am. All efforts will be made to provide for observation and input by members of the public.



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Speaking on an Agenda Item

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Speaking During the Public Comment Period If you wish to provide public comment please let us know using the chat function in Zoom meeting tool. Comments will be limited to three minutes.





1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call





3. Consideration of Meeting Minutes [May 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes]

21-097





- a. RTA Chair Report
- b. Operations & Administration Committee Chair Report
- c. Finance Committee Chair Report
- d. Jefferson Parish Report
- e. RTA General Counsel's Report
- f. RTA Chief Executive Officer's Report
- g. DBE Report





a. RTA Chair Report





b. Operations & Administration CommitteeChair Report





c. Finance Committee Chair Report





d. Jefferson Parish Report





e. RTA General Counsel's Report





f. RTA Chief Executive Officer's Report Public Safety Presentation



CEO's Report

June 22, 2021

Alex Z. Wiggins
Chief Executive Officer

Honoring our Heroes



Juneteenth – Freedom Riders Tribute



Questions?

Alex Wiggins, RTA CEO



RTA Public Safety Report

TRANSIT AGENCY

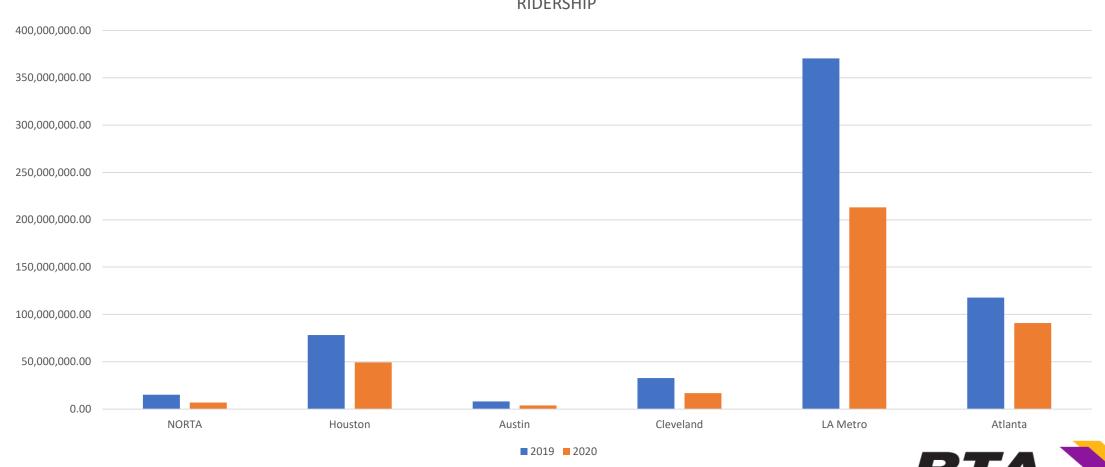
CRIME COMPARISON BY CITY



RIDERSHIP

-	<u>NORTA</u>	<u>Houston</u>	<u>Austin</u>	<u>Cleveland</u>	LA Metro	<u>Atlanta</u>
2019	15,242,465.00	78,143,413.00	8,000,000.00	32,700,000.00	370,480,743.00	117,759,054.00
2020	6,895,124.00	49,331,199.00	3,900,000.00	16,900,000.00	213,090,477.00	90,827,831.00

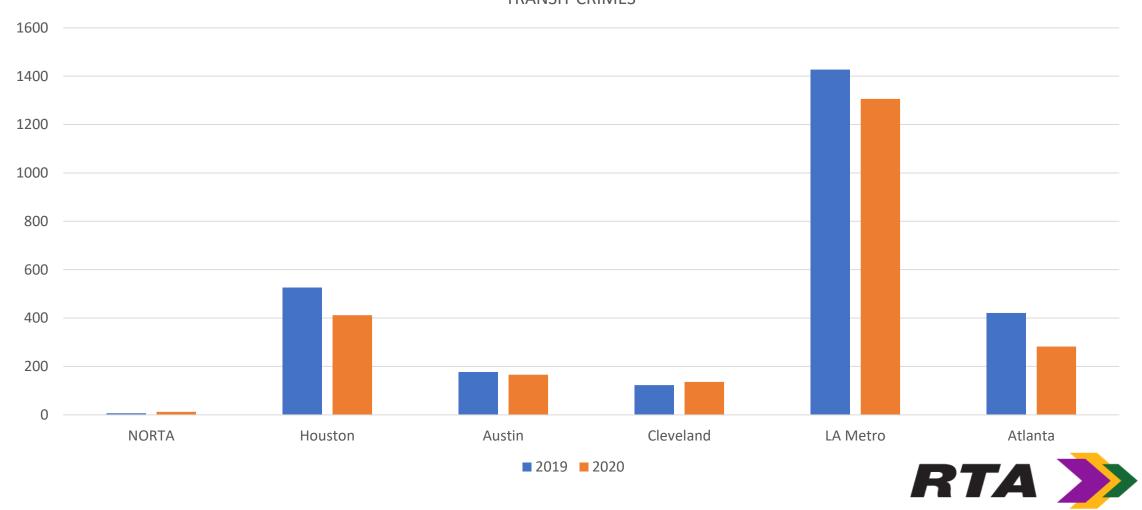
RIDERSHIP





<u>Total Crimes</u>						
-	NORTA	<u>Houston</u>	<u>Austin</u>	Cleveland	LA Metro	<u>Atlanta</u>
2019	6	526	177	123	1427	421
2020	12	412	166	136	1306	282

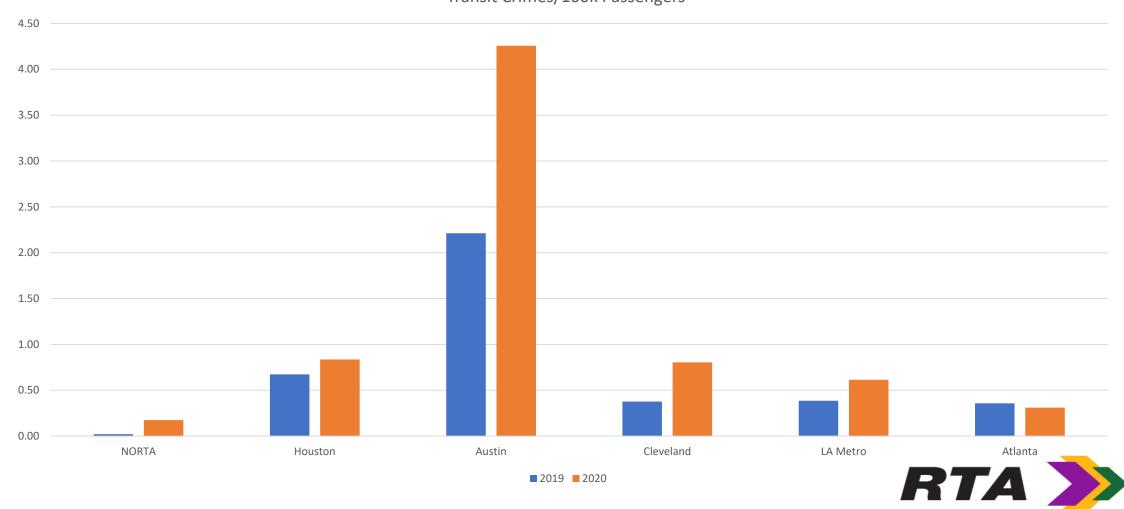
TRANSIT CRIMES



Total Crimes per 100k Passengers

_	<u>NORTA</u>	<u>Houston</u>	<u>Austin</u>	<u>Cleveland</u>	LA Metro	<u>Atlanta</u>
2019	0.04	0.67	2.21	0.38	0.39	0.36
2020	0.17	0.84	4.26	0.80	0.61	0.31

Transit Crimes/100k Passengers

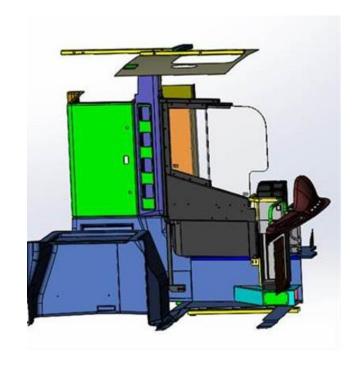


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ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS

• BUS BARRIERS

- Install 8 barriers per week
- Installation completion goal December 1, 2021







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ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS cont'd

• BUS BARRIERS









ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS cont'd

- EMERGENCY PHONES
- DURESS ALARMS
- CAMERAS





MITIGATING SECURITY CONCERNS

• BUS STOPS

- Lighting
- Vegetation
- Loitering

ONBOARD BUSES

- Emergency Alarms
- Bus Barriers
- Random Boarding by Officers
- Security Cameras Aboard Buses
- Posted Security Bulletins



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MITIGATING SECURITY CONCERNS

REPORTING INCIDENTS

- Operator Contacts Dispatcher
- Dispatcher Notifies Transit Police
- Transit Police Notifies Appropriate Police District Of Incident (Non-Availability of Transit Police)
- Buses Are Equipped With Emergency Alarms To Alert Dispatchers
- CALL 911



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MITIGATING SECURITY CONCERNS

- SECURITY TRAINING (Scheduled)
 - Security Education Training Awareness (SETA) (Conducted by TSA)
 - First Observer Plus (Mass Transit Security Training)
 - Conflict Resolution



MITIGATING SECURITY CONCERNS

- SECURITY STAFFING
 - Submit MOU To City For Additional Transit Police
 - Security Coordinators
 - Contract Security
 - Crisis Intervention Coordinator



QUESTIONS?





g. DBE Report





Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

June 22, 2021

Keziah L. Cawthorne Program Administrator



Contract Awards May 2021

\$4,979,765 in contracts were awarded

- \$1,740,356 was awarded to DBE firms.
- Of the DBE contracts \$1,819,258 was awarded to DBE/SBE Prime Contractors

Total DBE participation (commitment) is 30%.

1,819,258 (37%)

4,979,765 (100%)





Current DBE Projects

Project	Contract Amount	DBE Goal	DBE Goal	% Goal Achieved	Tentative Completion Date
CMAR – Canal Street Ferry Terminal (Construction)	\$22,928,667	\$7,004,708	30.55%	0%	01/2023
DBE Consulting Services	\$181,682	\$181,682	100%	40%	12/2021
Website Enhancement Services	\$100,000	\$100,000	100%	35%	08/2021
Security Services	\$1,008,920	\$231,546	23%	3%	06/2024
Disaster Recovery Grants Management and Administration	\$99,700	\$48,853	49%	10%	09/2022
Riverfront Trackwork & Overhead Catenary	\$650,000	\$91,000	14%	66%	10/2021
Insurance Coverages	\$1,290,548	\$1,290,548	100%	100%	06/2021

Agenda

Current SBE Projects

Project	Contract Amount	SBE Goal
Construction Cost Audits	\$78,902	\$78,902
Temporary Staffing-Surveyors	\$50,000	\$50,000
A&E Services	\$118,793	\$118,793
Repair Broken Sewer Lines	\$238,795	\$238,795





Outreach & Partnerships

RTA Outreach Event - July/August 2021

City of New Orleans Office of Supplier Diversity
New Orleans Regional Black Chamber of Commerce
Small and Emerging Business (SEB) Program at Ernest N. Morial Convention Center
Southern Region Minority Supplier Development Council
Women's Business Enterprise Council South (WBEC)
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
U.S. Small Business Administration
SUNO's Small Business Development & Management Institute
Housing Authority of New Orleans DBE Program



Questions?

Keziah L. Cawthrone



Thank You!



Agenda

5. Consent Agenda To Award:

a. Connecting Communities-NORTA Bus RapidTransit (BRT) Planning Project 21-038

b. Egle' Janitorial On-Site COVID Cleaning 21-063

c. NEOGOV Change Order 21-079

d. General Bus Parts 21-081





5. Consent Agenda cont'd To Award:

- e. On-Call Architectural/Engineering Services
 Small Business Enterprise 21-083
- f. ENO Maintenance Building Exterior Envelope Repair 21-084
- g. Canal Street Ferry Terminal Project Amendment Request to Woodward-APC's Contract 21-086



5. Consent Agenda cont'd To Award:

- h. Canal Street Ferry Terminal Project Amendment Requesting Woodward-APC's Contract 21-087
- i. Cintas Uniforms 21-088



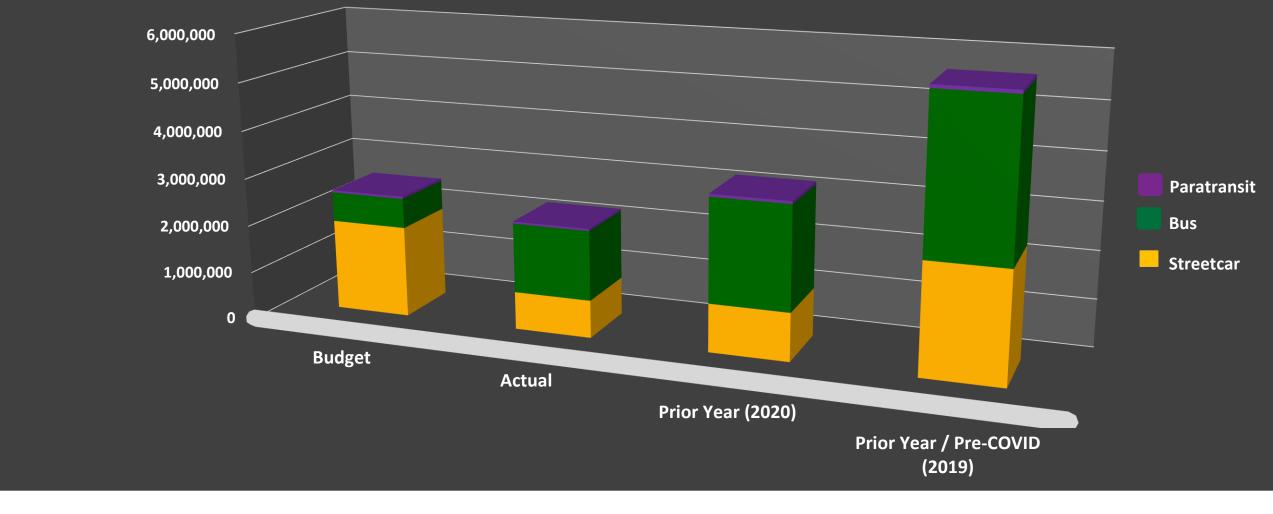


6. Financial Report April Financial Statement



Regional Transit Authority

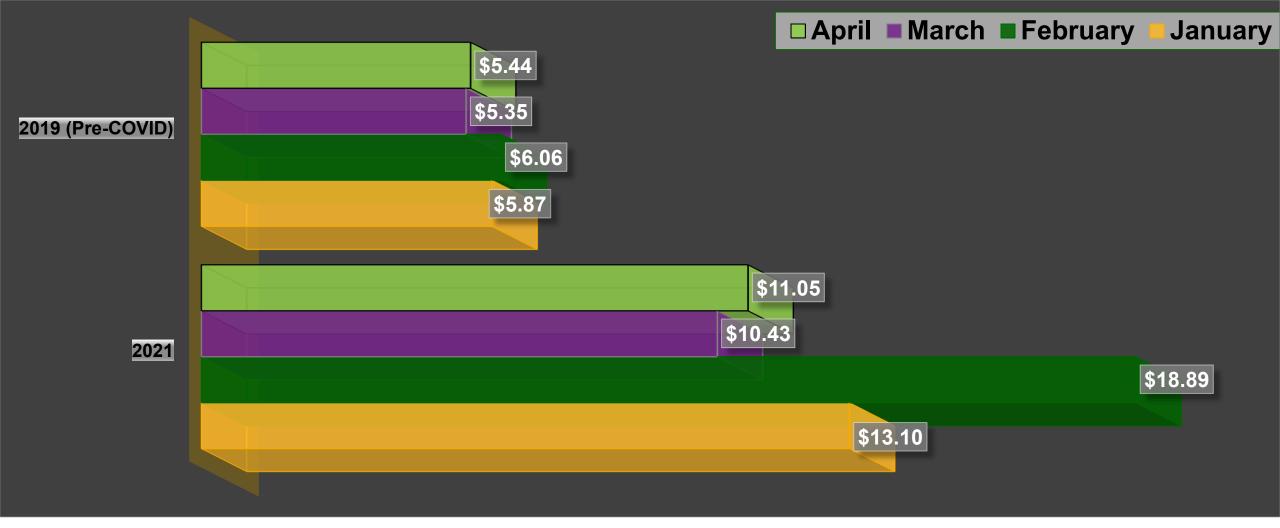
April 2021 Financials



Ridership

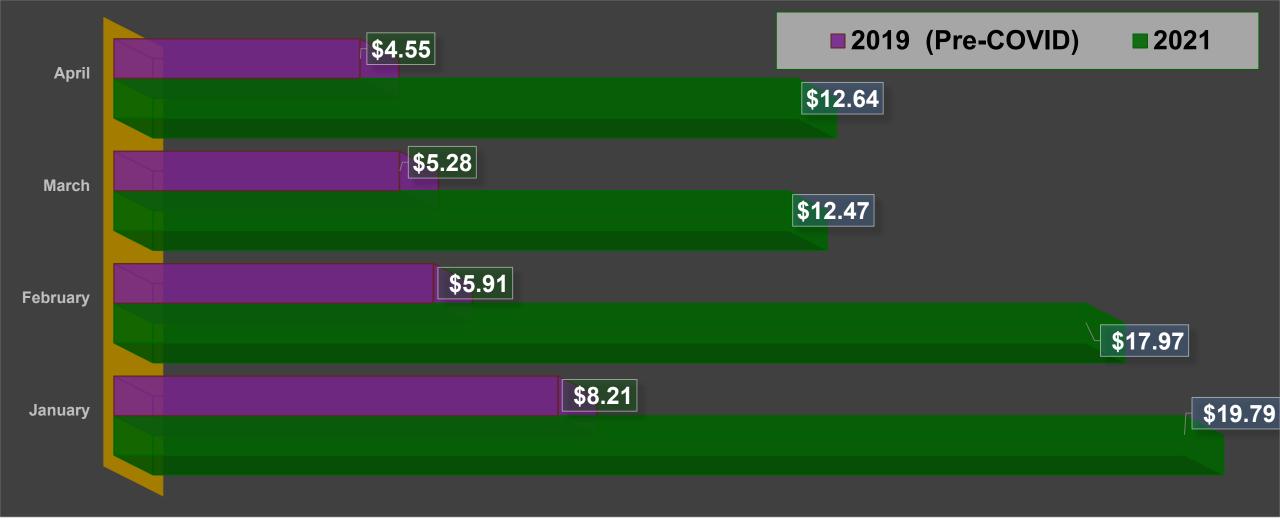
April's ridership of 672K underperformed the budget by 14.8% or 117k passengers. When compared to prior months, April's results modestly exceeded March's total by 6.3% or 40k riders, but outpaced February's ridership by 97k riders, almost 2.5 times the prior month variance. Year-to-date comparisons to April actuals show negative results across the spectrum - when compared to the budget (11.5%), 2020 actuals (29.2%) and 2019 pre-COVID actuals (59.4%).





Operating Cost per Unlinked Passenger Trip 2021 vs. 2019 (Pre-COVID)

There was a modest increase in the cost per passenger trip for the month of April when compared to March. However, like the prior month, April's cost showed a reduction from January's and February's results.



Ferry - Operating Cost per Unlinked Passenger Trip 2021 vs. 2019 (Pre-COVID)

Ferry operations have also experienced significantly higher operating costs per passenger trip since the onset of the pandemic. While March marked the most notable decrease in cost per passenger trip so far this year, it is encouraging to note that April yielded only a slight increase from the prior month.

CY 2021 Total Operating Expenses, Farebox Revenue & Farebox Recovery

Farebox Recovery Rates 2021 vs 2019 (Pre-COVID)



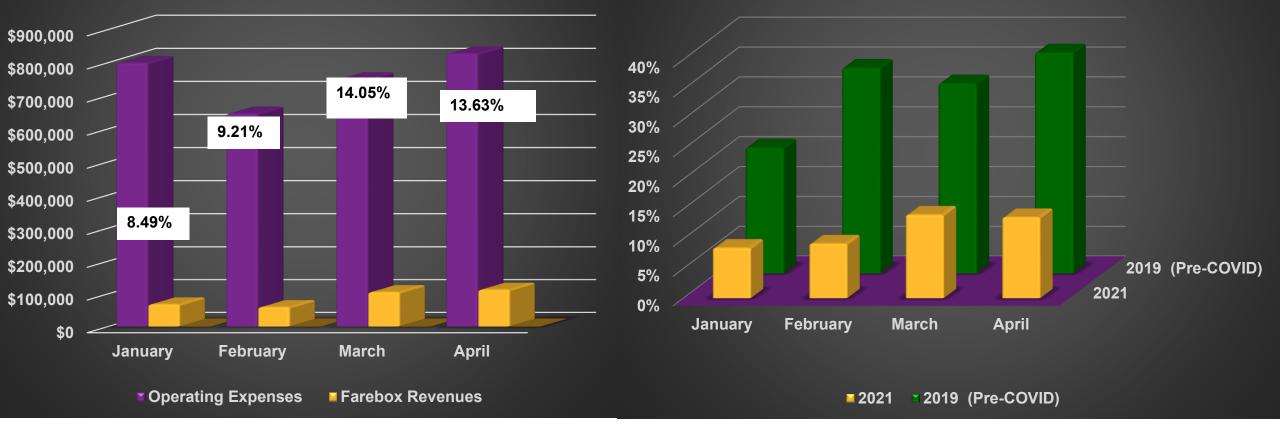
Farebox Recovery Rates 2021 vs. 2019 (Pre-COVID)

Fare revenue continues to offset a significantly lower percentage of operating expenses. However, despite the amount of inclement weather throughout the month, April's farebox recovery rate dipped less than 1% from March's year-high performance and tracked higher **RTA** than January and February's farebox recovery rates.



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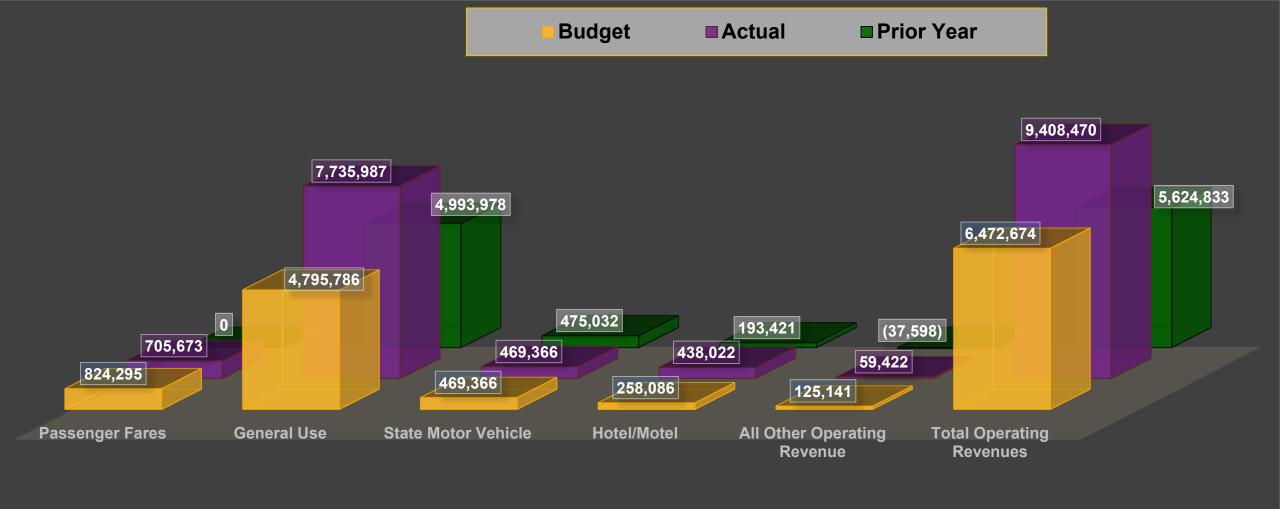
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FERRY- Farebox Recovery Rates 2021 vs. 2019 (Pre-COVID)

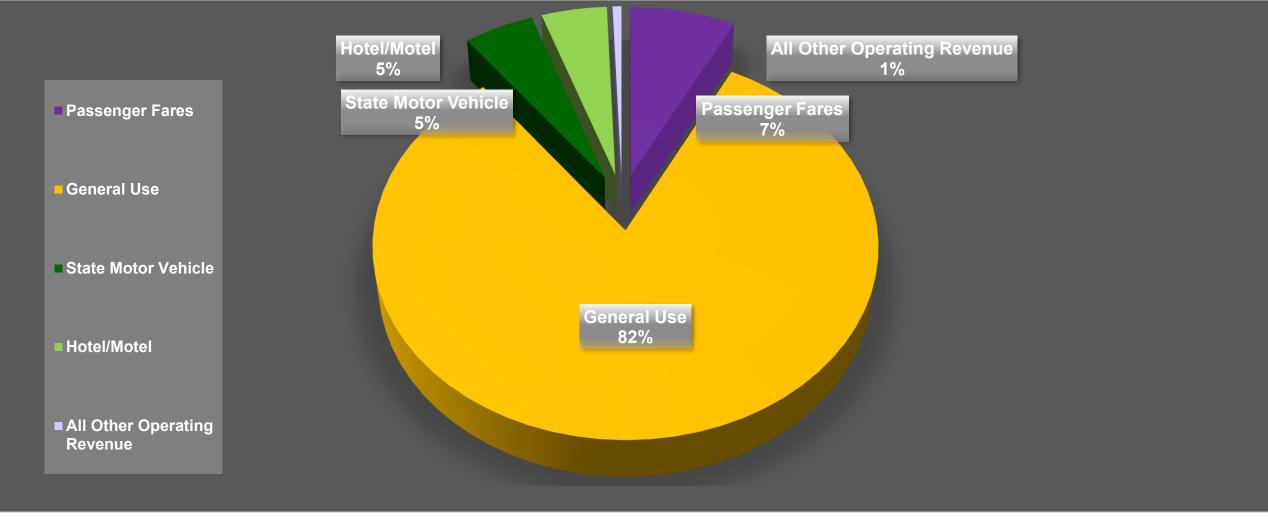
Likewise, ferry ridership has dropped drastically because of the pandemic, causing fare revenue to offset a significantly lower percentage of operating expenses. On a positive note, though, April's farebox recovery rate for ferry operations fell short of March's year-high results by less than 1% and markedly exceeded the results for January and February.





Operating Revenues (Budget, Actual & Prior Year)

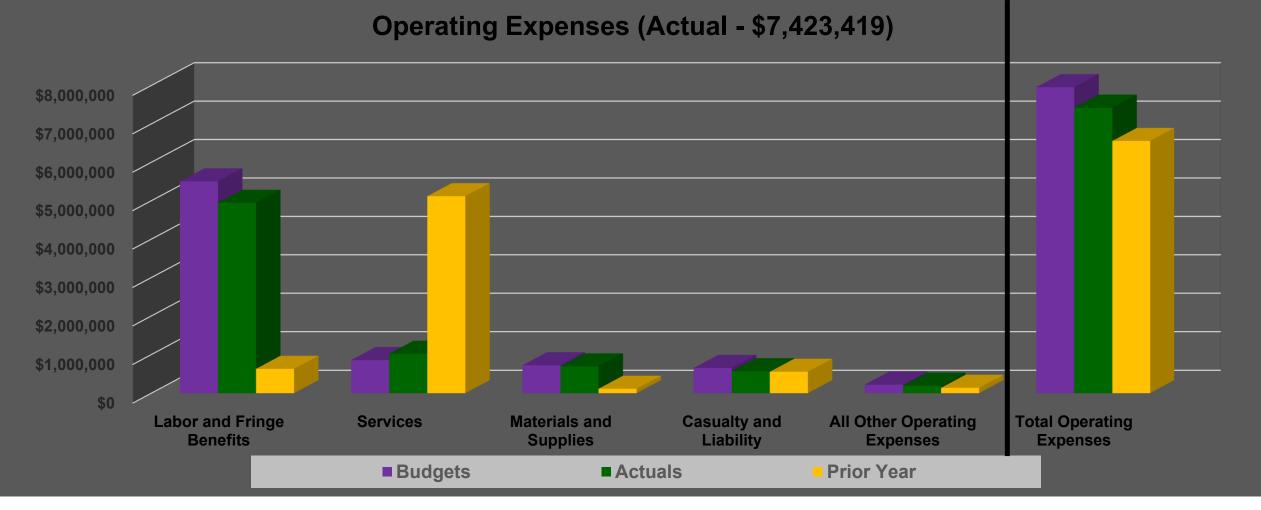
Overall, Operating Revenues display positive results for the month when compared to the budget and prior year. (Note that fare collections were suspended in April 2020.) Passenger Fares continue to struggle, falling short of projections by 14.4% for the month. CNO sales tax collections through March have been received, exceeding expectations for the first quarter by \$1.7m or 11.9%.



Operating Revenues (Actual)

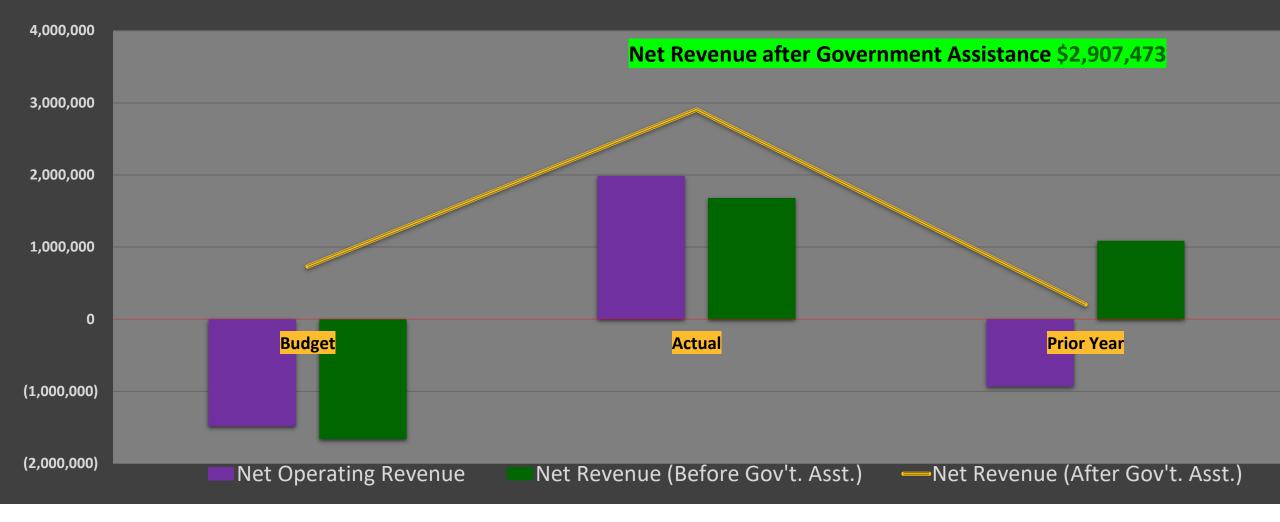
Of the \$9.4m in Operating Revenues, 82% or \$7.7m is derived from General Use Sales Taxes.





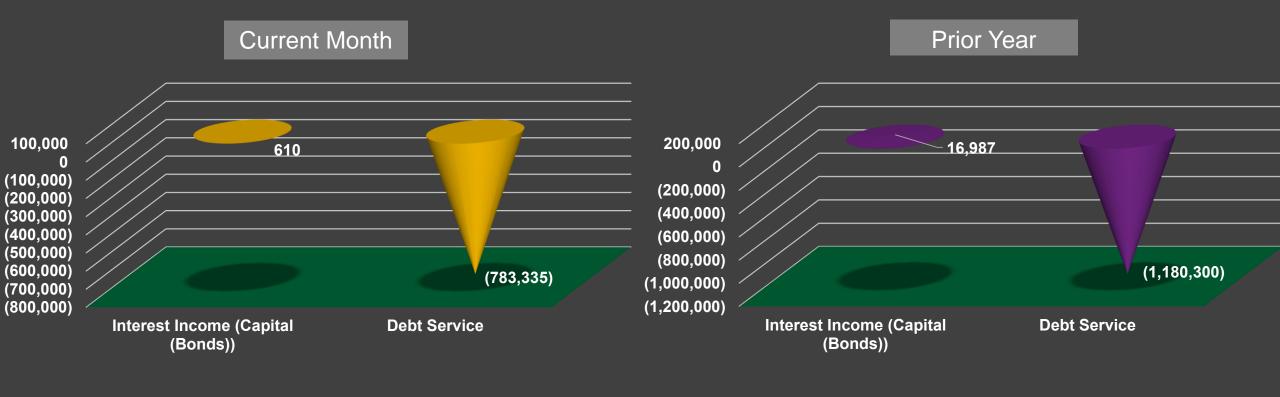
Operating Expenses

Labor and Fringe Benefits, the largest expenditure at \$4.9M, comprised 67% of this month's actual expenses. Staff's post-transition payroll analysis and true-up continue. The contrast in 2020 and current year results for Labor and Fringe Benefits and Services is directly related to the transition from the O & M contractual arrangement with Transdev to 100% in-house operations. In total, Operating Expenses for the month compared favorably with the budget with a 6.7% or 532k positive variance.



Net Revenue (Before and After Government Assistance)

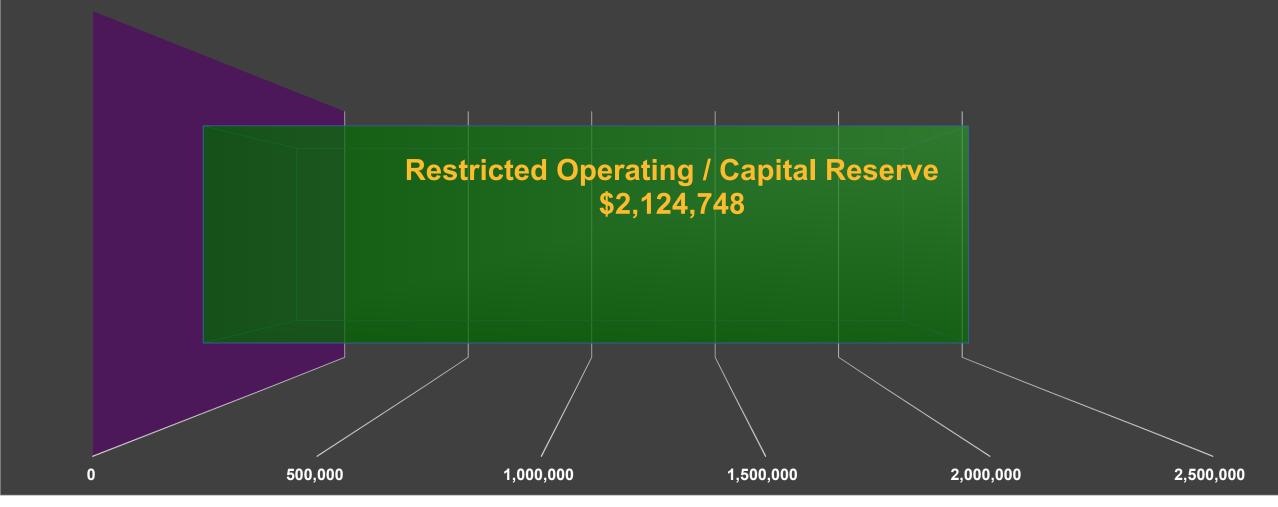
Net Revenue (Before Government Assistance) is \$1.7m for the month of April. This strong position is largely attributable to the \$2.0m in Net Operating Revenue for the month. After applying the month's \$1.2m in Government Operating Assistance, Net Revenue increased to \$2.9m.



Capital Expenditures and Debt Service

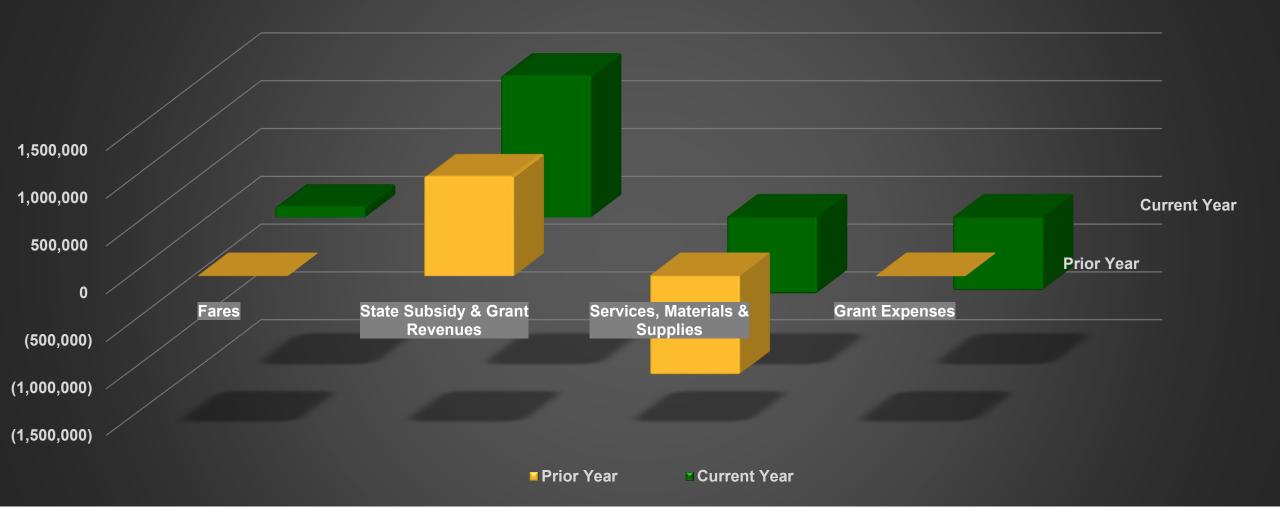
As result of the bond refinancing in September 2020, Debt Service was dramatically reduced by \$397k from prior year actuals for the month and by \$2.3m year-to-date.





Operating Reserve

The positive variance that resulted from Net Revenue (After Government Assistance) added \$2.1m to Restricted Operating/Capital Reserve after accounting for the payment of \$783k in Debt Service.



Maritime Operations

Passenger fare revenue for ferry operations increased by \$7k over the prior month. This represents the second straight month of positive results, further indication of possible recovery. Recall that fare collections were suspended in April 2020 system-wide. April 2021 operating expenses reflected positive results as well, down by \$219k from the prior year.

April 2021 Summary of Sources

SUMMARY OF SOURCES

Apr-21

	YTD					
(\$ IN MILLIONS)	Budget	Actual	\$ Variance	%Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Sales Tax	5,523,238	8,643,375	3,120,137	56%	21,023,940	24,702,21
Government Assistance	2,390,775	1,226,341	(1, 164, 433)	-48%	9,563,100	4,905,36
Sales Tax & Government Assistance	7,914,013	9,869,716	1,955,703	24%	30,587,040	29,607,58
Passenger Fares	824,295	705,672	(118,622)	-14%	2,739,006	2,328,61
Other Operating Revenues	125,141	59,421	(65, 719)	-52%	471,080	430,70
Subtotal Transit Operations	949,436	765,094	(184, 341)	-19%	3,210,086	2,759,32
Total Operating Revenues	8,863,449	10,643,811	1,771,362	19%	33,797,126	32,366,90
Federal Capital Funding	1,380,373	8,890,335	7,509,962	544%	5,709,082	11,903,98
Investment Income	0	610	610	100%	0	16,53
Subtotal Capital & Bond Resources	1,380,373	8,890,945	7,510,572	544%	5,709,082	11,920,51
Total Revenue	10,243,822	19,525,756	9,281,934	90%	39,506,208	44,287,41
Operating Reserve						
	(59,358)	(2, 124, 748)	(2,065,390)	3479%	3,015,234	595,46
Total Sources	10,184,464	17,401,008	7,216,544	70%	42,521,442	44,882,88

April 2021 Summary of Uses

USES (\$ IN MILLIONS)	Budget	Actual	\$ Variance	%Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Transit Operations	7,955,071	7,423,418.00	531,65	2.00 69	33,415,480	29,547,658.00
TMSEL Legacy Costs	177,250	303,919.00	(126,	669) -71%	709,800	920,846.00
Maritime Costs	0	0		0 09	0	0
Capital Expenditures	1,275,373	8,890,335.00	(7,614,	962) -597%	5,539,082	11,886,574.00
FEMA Project Worksheets Expenditures	105,000	0.00	105,00	0.00 100%	170,000	17,406.00
Debt Service	671,770	783,334.00	(111,	564) 09	2,687,080	2,510,395.00
Total Expenditures	10,184,464	17,401,008.00	\$ (7,216	544) -70%	42,521,442	44,882,881.00
Operating Reserve	0	0		0	0	(
Total Uses	10,184,464	17,401,008	\$ (7,216,	544) -709	42,521,442	44,882,881.00



Thank You!



7. Audit Consideration

- a. CY 2020 Single Audit Acceptance
- b. CY 2020 Financial Audit Acceptance





7. Audit Consideration

a. CY 2020 Single Audit Acceptance 21-089



Regional Transit Authority Audit Presentation June 22, 2021

National Strength.

SOUTHERN ROOTS.



Presented by: Becky Hammond, CPA, CISA, CITP, CGAP Sean M. Bruno, CPA

Overall Audit Results

Summary of Auditors' Results - Opinion

Independent Auditors' Report – Unmodified Opinion ("clean") on the financial statements. 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 - No deficiencies in internal control or compliance findings noted.

Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for the Major Program and on Internal Controls Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance – No deficiencies in internal control or compliance findings noted.

Financial Presentation

Net Position

	2020	2019	Dollar Change	Total % Change
Current assets	\$ 94,862	\$ 82,405	\$ 12,457	15.1%
Restricted assets	8,352		(1,845)	-18.1%
Capital assets	276,272		` ' '	-3.3%
Net pension asset	8,144	-	8,144	100.0%
Total assets	387,630	378,346	9,285	2.5%
Deferred outflows of resources	1,211	11,909	(10,698)	-89.8%
Total assets and deferred outflows	388,841	390,255	(1,413)	-0.4%
Current liabilities	33,787	42,987	(9,200)	-21.4%
Non-current liabilities	120,890	154,928	(34,038)	-22.0%
Total liabilities	154,677	197,915	(43,238)	-21.8%
Deferred inflows of resources	14,010	861	13,149	1527%
Total liabilities and deferred inflows	168,687	198,776	(30,089)	-15%
Net position:				
Net investment in capital assets	175,009	180,381	(5,372)	-3.0%
Restricted	8,269	13,719	(5,451)	-39.7%
Unrestricted	36,875	(2,621)	39,496	-1506.9%
Total net position	\$ 220,153	\$ 191,479	\$ 28,673	15.0%

Capital Assets

The table below lists capital assets by type, and the accumulated depreciation as of December 31, 2020 and 2019:

	2020	2019
Land	\$ 6,988,812	\$ 6,988,812
Buildings	286,012,016	285,973,942
Equipment, primarily transportation vehicles	309,860,238	301,452,062
Furniture and fixtures	58,021,935	57,503,974
Construction in progress	8,854,806	4,768,434
Total cost of capital assets	669,737,807	656,687,224
Accumulated depreciation	(393,465,944)	(370,943,808)
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$276,271,863	\$285,743,419

Graphs on Financial Results

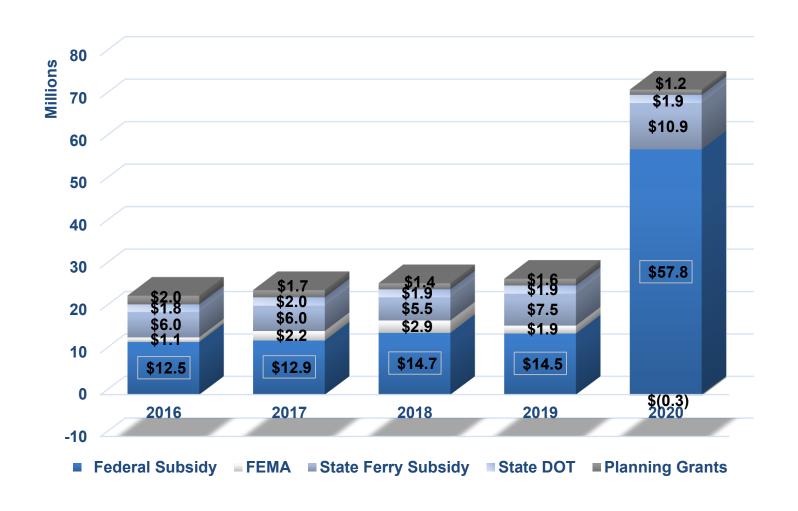
Operating Revenues



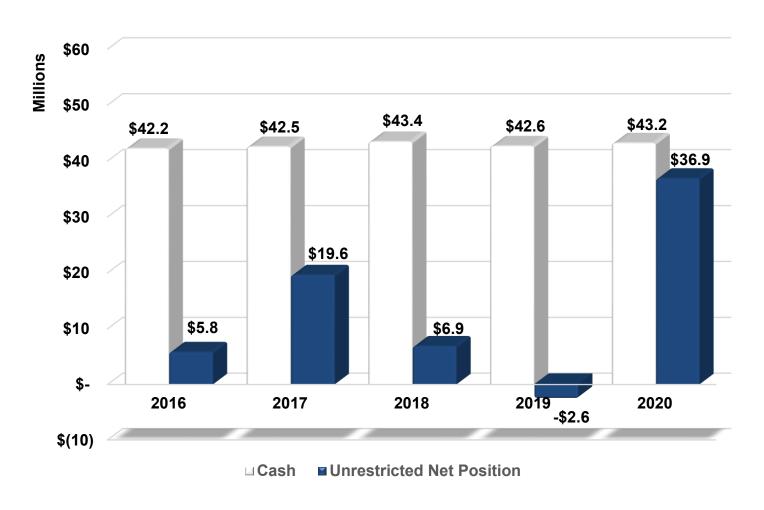
Tax Revenues



Government Operating Grants



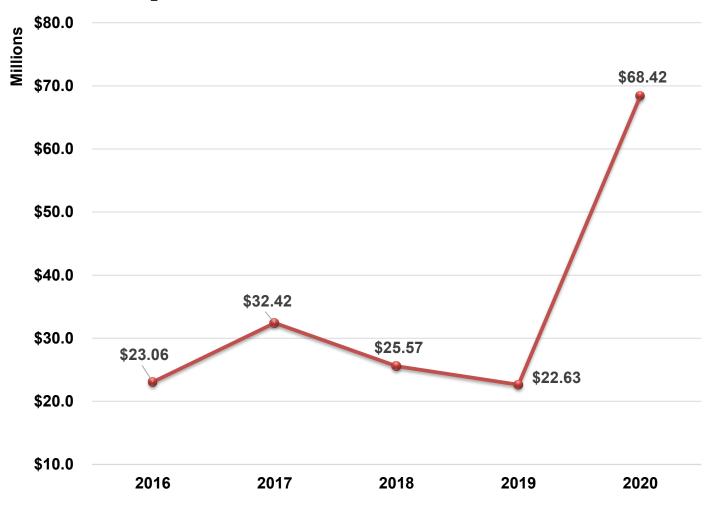
Cash and Unrestricted Net Position



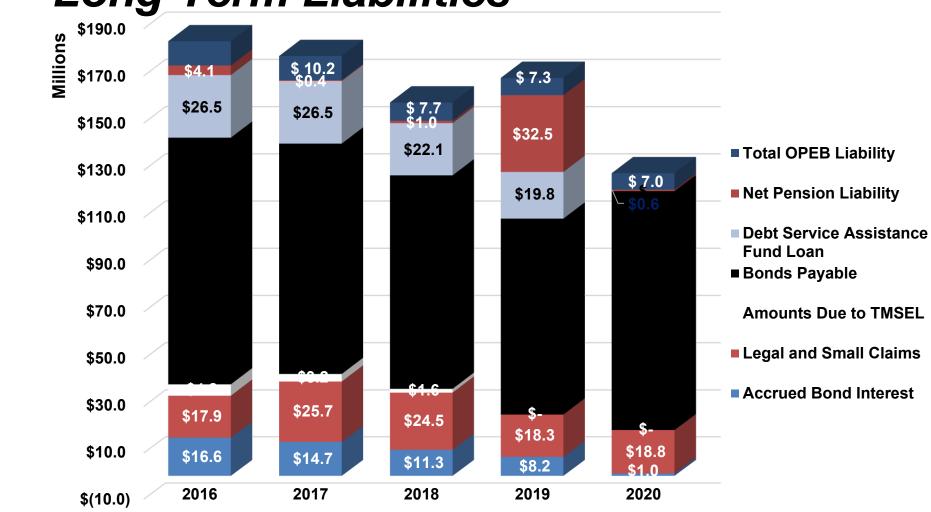
Revenues and Expenditures



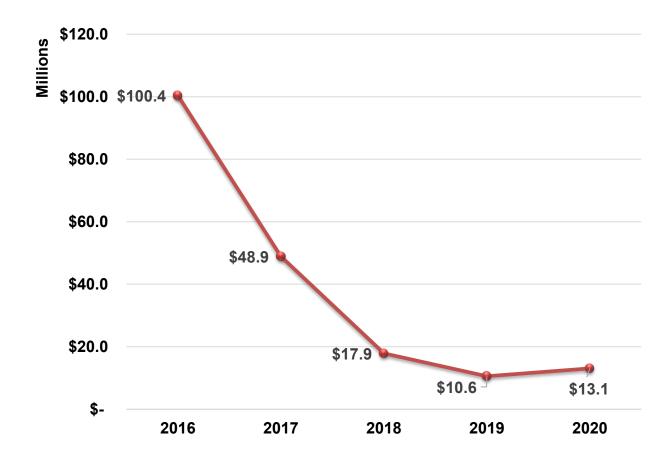
Federal Expenditures



Long-Term Liabilities



Capital Additions



7. Audit Consideration

b. CY 2020 Financial Audit Acceptance

21-090



Agenda

8. Procurement Items

Authorizations:

- a. RAISE Grant New Links Capital Infrastructure Project 21-095
- b. FY21 RAISE Grant –Planning 21-096





9. RTA Ridership Incentives

21-074





10. New Business (UNANIMOUS VOTE TO CONSIDER)



11. Audience Questions and Comments

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12. Executive Session: (2/3rds VOTE TO Consider)

Ernest N. Morial Exhibition Hall Authority v. Regional Transit Authority Civil District Court No.: 2021-04470, Div. "J" Section-15



13. Adjournment



Thank You!

