

Finance and Audit Committee and Board of Directors  
Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority  
Seattle, Washington

Professional standards require that we communicate certain matters to keep you adequately informed about matters related to the financial statement audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. We communicate such matters in this report.

### **AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Our responsibility is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The audit of the financial statements does not relieve you of your responsibilities and does not relieve management of their responsibilities. Refer to our engagement letter with Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority ("Sound Transit") for further information on the responsibilities of management and of Crowe LLP.

### **AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Sound Transit's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of Sound Transit's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or disclosures. 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.

### **COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING OUR INDEPENDENCE FROM THE AUTHORITY**

Auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require independence for all audits, and we confirm that we are independent auditors with respect to Sound Transit under the independence requirements established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Additionally, we wish to communicate that we have no relationships with Sound Transit that, in our professional judgment, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence and that we gave significant consideration to in reaching the conclusion that our independence has not been impaired.

### **PLANNED SCOPE AND TIMING OF THE AUDIT**

We are to communicate an overview of the planned scope and timing of the audit. Accordingly, the following matters regarding the planned scope and timing of the audit were discussed with you during the planning stages of the audit.

- How we proposed to address the significant risks of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- Our approach to internal control relevant to the audit.
- The concept of materiality in planning and executing the audit, focusing on the factors considered rather than on specific thresholds or amounts.
- The nature and extent of specialized skills or knowledge needed to plan and evaluate the results of the audit, including the use of an auditor's expert.
- Where Sound Transit has an internal audit function, the extent to which the auditor will use the work of internal audit, and how the external and internal auditors can best work together.
- Your views and knowledge of matters you consider warrant our attention during the audit, as well as your views on:
  - The allocation of responsibilities between you and management.
  - Sound Transit's objectives and strategies, and the related business risks that may result in material misstatements.
  - Significant communications between Sound Transit and regulators.
  - Other matters you believe are relevant to the audit of the financial statements.

## **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT JUDGMENTS AND ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES**

Significant Accounting Policies: The Finance and Audit Committee should be informed of the initial selection of and changes in significant accounting policies or their application. Also, the Finance and Audit Committee should be aware of methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas where there is a lack of authoritative consensus. We believe management has the primary responsibility to inform the Finance and Audit Committee about such matters. To assist the Finance and Audit Committee in its oversight role, we also provide the following.

<b>Accounting Standard</b>	<b>Impact of Adoption</b>
<b>Significant Unusual Transactions.</b>	No such matters noted
<b>Significant Accounting Policies in Controversial or Emerging Areas.</b>	No such matters noted

Management Judgments and Accounting Estimates: Further, accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based upon management's current judgments. These judgments are based upon knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments and may be subject to significant change in the near term.

The following describes the significant accounting estimates reflected in Sound Transit's year-end financial statements, the process used by management in formulating these particularly sensitive accounting estimates and the primary basis for our conclusions regarding the reasonableness of those estimates.

<b>Significant Accounting Estimate</b>	<b>Process Used by Management</b>	<b>Basis for Our Conclusions</b>
Fair Values of Investment Securities and Other Financial Instruments	The disclosure of fair values of securities and other financial instruments requires management to use certain assumptions and estimates pertaining to the fair values of its financial assets and financial liabilities.	We tested the propriety of information underlying management's estimates.

Significant Accounting Estimate	Process Used by Management	Basis for Our Conclusions
Useful Lives of Capital Assets	Management has determined the economic useful lives of capital assets based on past history of similar types of assets, future plans as to their use, and other factors that impact their economic value to Sound Transit.	We tested the propriety of information underlying management's estimates.
Loss Contingencies	Sound Transit consults with legal counsel to evaluate outstanding litigation, claims and assessments. Factors that affect management's evaluation of litigation contingencies requiring disclosure include the nature of the contingencies and whether the outcome could have an effect on the consolidated financial statements.	Based on information obtained from Sound Transit's legal counsel regarding this matter and discussions with management, we concur with management's determination that the loss contingency does not meet conditions for accrual of being both probable and estimable, and, thus, no accrual is recorded and no specific disclosures are required.

**AUDITOR'S JUDGMENTS ABOUT QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRACTICES**

We are to discuss with you our comments about the following matters related to Sound Transit's accounting policies and financial statement disclosures. Accordingly, these matters will be discussed during our meeting with you.

- The appropriateness of the accounting policies to the particular circumstances of Sound Transit, considering the need to balance the cost of providing information with the likely benefit to users of Sound Transit's financial statements.
- The overall neutrality, consistency, and clarity of the disclosures in the financial statements.
- The effect of the timing of transactions in relation to the period in which they are recorded.
- The potential effect on the financial statements of significant risks and exposures, and uncertainties that are disclosed in the financial statements.
- The extent to which the financial statements are affected by unusual transactions including nonrecurring amounts recognized during the period, and the extent to which such transactions are separately disclosed in the financial statements.
- The issues involved, and related judgments made, in formulating particularly sensitive financial statement disclosures.
- The factors affecting asset and liability carrying values, including Sound Transit's basis for determining useful lives assigned to tangible and intangible assets.
- The selective correction of misstatements, for example, correcting misstatements with the effect of increasing reported earnings, but not those that have the effect of decreasing reported earnings.

**CORRECTED AND UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS**

Corrected Misstatements: We are to inform you of material corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures.

There were no such misstatements.

**Uncorrected Misstatements:** We are to inform you of uncorrected misstatements that were aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest and prior period(s) presented that were determined by management to be immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. Uncorrected misstatements or matters underlying the uncorrected misstatements could potentially cause future-period financial statements to be materially misstated, even if it was concluded that the uncorrected misstatements are immaterial to the financial statements under audit. For your consideration, we have distinguished misstatements between known misstatements and likely misstatements.

- In December 2025, Sound Transit recorded an entry to book the balance of a land bank receivable asset (held with Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT)). The land bank receivable asset had a balance as of December 31, 2024 and management elected to waive the prior period impact of the entry. As a result, the ending 2024 net position is understated by approximately \$103 million and the 2025 non-operating revenue is overstated by the same amount.

## OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

Communication Item	Results
<p><b>Other Information Included in an Annual Report</b> Information may be prepared by management that accompanies or includes the financial statements. To assist your consideration of this information, you should know that we are required by audit standards to read such information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements. We are also to remain alert for indications that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Material inconsistency exists between the other information and the auditor's knowledge obtained in the audit; or</li> <li>• A material misstatement of fact exists, or the other information is otherwise misleading.</li> </ul> <p>If we identify a material inconsistency between the other information and the financial statements, we are to seek a resolution of the matter.</p>	<p>We read the other information and noted no material inconsistencies or misstatement of facts based on our reading thereof.</p>
<p><b>Significant Difficulties Encountered During the Audit</b> We are to inform you of any significant difficulties encountered in dealing with management related to the performance of the audit.</p>	<p>There were no significant difficulties encountered in dealing with management related to the performance of the audit.</p>
<p><b>Disagreements with Management</b> We are to discuss with you any disagreements with management, whether or not satisfactorily resolved, about matters that individually or in the aggregate could be significant to Sound Transit's financial statements or the auditor's report.</p>	<p>During our audit, there were no such disagreements with management.</p>
<p><b>Difficulties or Contentious Matters</b> We are required to discuss with the Those Charged with Governance any difficulties or contentious matters for which we consulted outside of the engagement team that we consider both significant and relevant to Those Charged with Governance regarding their responsibility to oversee the financial reporting process.</p>	<p>During the audit, there were no such issues for which we consulted outside the engagement team.</p>

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<p><b>Circumstances that Affect the Form and Content of the Auditor's Report</b> We are to discuss with you any circumstances that affect the form and content of the auditor's report, if any.</p>	<p>There are no such circumstances that affect the form and content of the auditor's report.</p>
<p><b>Consultations with Other Accountants</b> If management consulted with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, we are to inform you of such consultation, if we are aware of it, and provide our views on the significant matters that were the subject of such consultation.</p>	<p>We are not aware of any instances where management consulted with other accountants about auditing or accounting matters since no other accountants contacted us, which they are required to do by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 50, before they provide written or oral advice.</p>
<p><b>Representations the Auditor Is Requesting from Management</b> We are to provide you with a copy of management's requested written representations to us.</p>	<p>We direct your attention to a copy of the letter of management's representation to us provided separately.</p>
<p><b>Significant Issues Discussed, or Subject to Correspondence, With Management</b> We are to communicate to you any significant issues that were discussed or were the subject of correspondence with management.</p>	<p>There were no such significant issues discussed, or subject to correspondence, with management.</p>
<p><b>Significant Related Party Findings or Issues</b> We are to communicate to you significant findings or issues arising during the audit in connection with Sound Transit's related parties.</p>	<p>There were no such findings or issues that are, in our judgment, significant and relevant to you regarding your oversight of the financial reporting process.</p>
<p><b>Other Findings or Issues We Find Relevant or Significant</b> We are to communicate to you other findings or issues, if any, arising during the audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to you regarding your oversight of the financial reporting process.</p>	<p>There were no such other findings or issues that are, in our judgment, significant and relevant to you regarding your oversight of the financial reporting process.</p>

We are pleased to serve Sound Transit as its independent auditors and look forward to our continued relationship. We provide the above information to assist you in performing your oversight responsibilities and would be pleased to discuss this letter or any matters further, should you desire. This letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Finance and Audit Committee and Board of Directors and, if appropriate, management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

  
Crowe LLP

Indianapolis, Indiana  
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