Clermont County Transportation Improvement District Clermont County, Ohio

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District, prepared by Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Clermont County Transportation Improvement District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Mary Taylor

May 20, 2009



Clermont County Transportation Improvement District Clermont County, Ohio

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Independent Auditor's Report

Members of the Board Clermont County Transportation Improvement District 175 East Main Street, Suite 150 Batavia, Ohio 45103

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (the District), Clermont County, a component unit of Clermont County, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Comptroller General to the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of December 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 17, 2009 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance that report describes the scope of our testing of internal controls over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires. We have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measuring and presenting the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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We conducted our audit to opine on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The supplementary information on pages 24 through 27 provides additional information and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. We subjected the supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.

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April 17, 2009

CLERMONT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 (Unaudited)

The discussion and analysis of Clermont County Transportation Improvement District's (the District's) financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2008. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for 2008 are a follows:

- The District's net assets increased by \$839,989 to a year end total of \$2,668,462.
- During the year, the District generated \$3,985,856 of revenues and incurred expenses of \$3,145,867.
- The District completed it first road improvement project for the Beechwood Road Realignment at a total cost of \$744,875.
- The District was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Development.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of two parts – management's discussion and analysis and the basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District:

These statements are as follows:

- 1. <u>The Government-Wide Financial Statements</u> These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the District's overall financial status.
- 2. <u>The Fund Financial Statements</u> These statements focus on individual parts of the District, reporting the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data.

Government-wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net assets includes all of the District's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the District's net assets and how they have changed. Net assets (the difference between the District's assets and liabilities) are one way to measure the District's financial health or position.

Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net assets are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

The government-wide financial statements of the District reflect the following category for its activities:

Governmental Activities – The District's programs and services are reported as governmental activities and include general government, program development, program implementation and public works.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds, not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

Governmental Funds – All of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

DISTRICT SUMMARY

The District as a Whole

The following table provides a summary of the District's net assets for 2008 compared to 2007:

	Government	Increase		
	2008	2008 2007		
Current and other assets	\$ 7,741,650	\$ 7,191,458	\$ 550,192	
Total assets	7,741,650	7,191,458	550,192	
Long-term debt outstanding	4,610,760	5,105,438	(494,678)	
Other liabilities	462,428	257,547	204,881	
Total liabilities	5,073,188	5,362,985	(289,797)	
Net assets:				
Restricted for Capital Projects	84,028	-	84,028	
Unrestricted	2,584,434	1,828,473	755,961	
Total net assets	\$ 2,668,462	\$ 1,828,473	\$ 839,989	

Total assets increased by \$550,192 and total liabilities decreased by \$289,797. Total assets increased primarily due to increased funding from intergovernmental revenues and grant income during the year. Total liabilities decreased primarily due to redemption of principal on debt.

Changes in Net Assets – The following table provides a summary of the District's changes in net assets for 2008 compared to 2007:

	Governmental Activities					Increase		
Revenues		2008		2007	(Decrease)		
General revenues:								
Intergovernmental	\$	2,750,000	\$	2,478,500	\$	271,500		
Interest Income		201,735		93,600		108,135		
Program revenues:								
Operating Grants and Contributions		1,034,121				1,034,121		
Total revenues		3,985,856		2,572,100		1,413,756		
Program Expenses		_						
General Government		91,622		152,968		(61,346)		
Program Development		56,485		204,879		(148,394)		
Program Implementation		137,388		160,298		(22,910)		
Public Works		2,662,495		300,716		2,361,779		
Debt Service:								
Interest and Fiscal Charges		197,877		16,602		181,275		
Total expenses		3,145,867		835,463		2,310,404		
Total Change in Net Assets		839,989		1,736,637		(896,648)		
Beginning Net Assets		1,828,473		91,836		1,736,637		
Ending Net Assets	\$	2,668,462	\$	1,828,473	\$	839,989		

Governmental Activities

Net assets of the District's governmental activities increased by \$839,989 during 2008 compared to \$1,736,637 for 2007. Intergovernmental revenues increased due to revisions in intergovernmental agreements to include initial installments of Residential Improvement District (RID's) collected by the County and remitted to the District as part of pledged revenues to the District. Operating grants increased primarily from a one time \$500,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Development, a \$71,367 contributions from Union Township as part of the Beechwood Road Realignment project and \$462,754 of additional project-specific contributions from the Clermont County Engineers Office. Expenditures increased during 2008 primarily as a result of the Beechwood Road Realignment project, additional projects being undertaken by the District and recognizing a full year of interest expense on the bonds.

The District's Funds

The District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$6,831,963, which is a decrease of (\$13,112) from last year's total of \$6,845,075. This decrease occurred within the General Fund totaling (\$97,140) offset by an increase in the non-major Stonelick-Williams Corner Bridge Fund totaling \$84,028. The decrease in the General Fund was primarily due to transfers to project funds to fund project expenditures. The increase in the non-major Stonelick-Williams Corner Bridge Fund was a result of recognizing project specific contributions from the Clermont County Engineers Office in advance of incurring project costs.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

As of December 31, 2008, the District reported no capital assets.

Debt

The District issued \$5,000,000 of Clermont County Transportation Improvement District Roadway Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2007, dated December 5, 2007, to finance Phase 1 of the District's Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The bonds will mature in various amounts through 2016 and carry interest at rates varying from 3.875 percent to 4.250 percent per annum.

During 2008, the District retired \$475,000 of the bonds with interest as scheduled.

Additional information concerning the District's debt can be found in Note 5 to the basic financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS

The year ending December 31, 2007 was the second full year of operations. The District continued on its mission to improve the prosperity, health, safety, and welfare of the people of Clermont County and the State of Ohio. Multiple new projects that are to be integrated into the overall transportation goals of the District were initiated during the year.

As with most infrastructure projects undertaken by local governments, a challenge facing the District is the future of both state and Federal funding. With careful planning and monitoring of the District's finances and continued cooperation with local, state and Federal officials, management is confident that funding challenges can be overcome and quality services will continue in order to develop, implement and construct the improvements envisioned to improve the prosperity, health, safety, and welfare of the people of Clermont County and the State of Ohio.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions concerning any of the information provided in this report, or requests for additional financial information, should be addressed to Secretary-Treasurer, Clermont County Transportation Improvement District 175 E. Main Street, Suite 150 Batavia, Ohio 45103.

Clermont County Transportation Improvement District Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2008

	Governmental Activities			
Assets				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 7,279,136			
Intergovernmental Receivable	126,754			
Grants Receivable	250,000			
Unamortized Bond Issuance Costs	85,760			
Total Assets	7,741,650			
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	69,943			
Contracts Payable	377,230			
Accrued Interest Payable on Bonds	15,255			
Long Term Liabilities:				
Due Within One Year	513,046			
Due In More Than One Year	4,097,714			
Total Liabilities	5,073,188			
Net Assets				
Restricted for Capital Projects	84,028			
Unrestricted	2,584,434			
Total Net Assets	\$ 2,668,462			

Clermont County Transportation Improvement District

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

				ĵ	Progran	n Revenues			Re	et (Expense) evenues and anges in Net Assets				
	Expenses		Expenses		Expenses		Charge for Ser and Ser	vices	Gra	perating ants and tributions	Cap Grant Contrib	s and		overnmental Activities
Governmental Activities														
General Government	\$	91,622	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(91,622)				
Program Development		56,485		-		-		-		(56,485)				
Program Implementation		137,388		-		-		-		(137,388)				
Public Works		2,662,495		-	1	1,034,121		-		(1,628,374)				
Interest and Fiscal Charges		197,877				-				(197,877)				
Total Governmental Activities	\$	3,145,867	\$		\$ 1	1,034,121	\$		\$	(2,111,746)				
			General I	Revenues										
			Intergo	vernmenta	al					2,750,000				
			Interest	Income						201,735				
			Total General Revenues							2,951,735				
			Change in	Net Asse	ets					839,989				
			Net Assets	s Beginnii	ng of Y	ear				1,828,473				
			Net Assets	s End of Y	<i>Y</i> ear				\$	2,668,462				

Clermont County Transportation Improvement District Balance Sheet Governmental Funds December 31, 2008

		General Fund	Se	Debt rvice und	P Ir	Wolfpen- Pleasant Hill mprovement Project Fund	l Imp	Phase I provement oject Fund	Re	eechwood Road ealignment oject Fund	Go	Other vernmental Funds	Go	Total overnmental Funds
Assets Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments Intergovernmental Receivable Grant Receivable	\$	6,817,878 126,754 250,000	\$	- - -	\$	116,021	\$	70,311	\$	23,839	\$	251,087	\$	7,279,136 126,754 250,000
Total Assets	\$	7,194,632	\$		\$	116,021	\$	70,311	\$	23,839	\$	251,087	\$	7,655,890
Liabilities Accounts Payable Contracts Payable Deferred Revenue Total Liabilities	\$	69,943 - 376,754 446,697	\$	- - - -	\$	116,021 - 116,021	\$	70,311	\$	23,839	\$	167,059 - 167,059	\$	69,943 377,230 376,754 823,927
Fund Balances Unreserved, Undesignated in: General Fund Restricted for Capital Projects	_	6,747,935		- -		- -		<u>-</u>		<u>.</u>		84,028		6,747,935 84,028
Total Fund Balances		6,747,935				-		-				84,028		6,831,963
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	7,194,632	\$		\$	116,021	\$	70,311	\$	23,839	\$	251,087	\$	7,655,890

Clermont Count Transportation Improvement District Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to Net Assets of Governmental Activities December 31, 2008

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 6,831,963
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Grant receivables are not available to pay for current-period exenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds	250,000
Intergovernmental receivables are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds	126,754
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period therefore are not reported in the funds	
Bonds Payable	(4,525,000)
Premium on Bonds	(85,760)
Unamortized Bond Issuance Costs	85,760
Accrued Interest Payable	 (15,255)
Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$ 2,668,462

Clermont County Transportation Improvement District

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Wolfpen- Pleasant Hill Improvement Project Fund	Business 28 Phase I Improvement Project Fund	Beechwood Road Realignment Project Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues: Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 2,873,246	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 408,121	\$ 101,000	\$ 3,407,367
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Total Revenues	2,873,246			25,000	408,121	101,000	3,407,367
Expenditures							
Current:							
General Government	91,622	-	-	-	-	-	91,622
Program Development	56,485	-	-	-	-	-	56,485
Program Implementation	137,388	-	-	-	-	-	137,388
Public Works			284,393	401,117	744,875	1,232,110	2,662,495
Total Expenditures	285,495		284,393	401,117	744,875	1,232,110	2,947,990
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	2,587,751		(284,393)	(376,117)	(336,754)	(1,131,110)	459,377
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Interest Income	201,735	_	-	-	-	-	201,735
Redemption of Principal	· -	(475,000)	-	-	-	-	(475,000)
Interest Expense	-	(199,224)	-	-	-	-	(199,224)
Transfers-In	-	674,224	284,393	376,117	336,754	1,215,138	2,886,626
Transfers-Out	(2,886,626)					<u> </u>	(2,886,626)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(2,684,891)		284,393	376,117	336,754	1,215,138	(472,489)
Net Change in Fund Balances	(97,140)	-	-	-	-	84,028	(13,112)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	6,845,075	<u>-</u>					6,845,075
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 6,747,935	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84,028	\$ 6,831,963

Clermont County Transportation Improvement District Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ (13,112)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Grant revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds	250,000
Intergovernmental revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds	126,754
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of principal of long-term debt consumes current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets	
Redemption of Principal on Bonds	475,000
Amortization of Premium on Bonds	19,678
Amortization of Cost of Issuance on Bonds	(19,678)
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds	
whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reportedwhen due	1,347
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$ 839,989

CLERMONT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

1. REPORTING ENTITY

The Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (the District) is a body politic and corporate, created for the purpose of financing, constructing, maintaining, repairing, and operating selected transportation projects. The District was specifically created pursuant to Chapter 5540 of the Ohio Revised Code, as amended. The District was created by action of the Board of Clermont County Commissioners on June 21, 2006.

The District is governed by a Board of Trustees that acts as the authoritative and legislative body of the entity. The Board is comprised of seven members of whom five are voting and two are ex-officio (non-voting). Each Board member serves a term of two years and there are no term limits for reappointment. The five voting Board members are appointed by the Board of Clermont County Commissioners. The Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives and the President of the Ohio Senate each appoint one ex-officio member. None of the Board members receive compensation for serving on the Board.

District Officers consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer who are elected annually from among the voting members of the Board. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer serve at the pleasure of the Board and are subject to removal by an affirmative vote of the majority of the Board at any time. The Chairman's responsibilities are to preside at all meetings of the Board and be the chief officer of the District. The Secretary-Treasurer serves as the fiscal officer of the District.

The District is also reported as a component unit to Clermont County, Ohio as defined by the provisions of GASB statement numbers 14 and 39. As such, its activities are reported within the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The District's management believes these financial statements represent all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

A. Basis of Presentation

The District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Assets and a Statement of Activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements - The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government.

The Statement of Net Assets presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the District at year-end. The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function.

Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program, and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the District, with certain limitations. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

Fund Financial Statements - During the year the District segregates transactions related to certain District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds.

B. Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self balancing set of accounts. There is one category of funds: Governmental.

Governmental Funds - Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The District has the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - Accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund balance is available to the District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Debt Service Fund – Accounts for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal and interest.

Wolfpen Pleasant Hill Improvement Project Fund - Provides for construction of additional lanes to facilitate north-south travel between SR 28 and SR 131, and additional turn lanes to accommodate access.

Business 28 Phase I Improvement Project Fund - Provides for the widening of existing Business SR 28 and consolidation of access points, and other related construction.

Beechwood Road Realignment Project Fund - Provides for the straightening of the southern end of Beechwood Road and realignment of its connection to State Route 32 as well as additional road repaying for various streets of Union Township.

C. Measurement Focus

Governmental-wide Financial Statements - The government-wide financial statements are prepared using a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the District are included on the Statement of Net Assets. The Statement of Activities presents increases (e.g. revenues) and decreases (e.g. expenses) in total net assets.

Fund Financial Statements - Fund financial statements report detailed information about the District. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

All Governmental funds are accounted for using a *flow of current financial resources* measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred revenue, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

Revenues - Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions - Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual

basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of the fiscal year-end.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements, and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use if first permitted, matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On the modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end: intergovernmental agreements.

Deferred Revenue - Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied.

On governmental fund financial statements, receivables that will not be collected within the available period have been reported as deferred revenue.

Expenses/Expenditures - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the District's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the balance sheet and statement of net assets.

F. Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

In general, government fund payables and accrued liabilities that are incurred and are paid in a timely manner with current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds. Long-term loans are recognized as a liability on the government fund financial statements when due.

G. Interfund Transactions

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and eliminated in the Statement of Activities. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements

H. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through constitutional provision, enabling legislation, or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

I. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

3. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Monies held by the District are classified by State statute into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands upon the District. Active deposits must be maintained either as cash by the District, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the District has identified as not required for use within the current five-year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies that are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts.

The District has an Investment Policy that authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer to make investments of available monies from the funds of the District in securities as authorized by State law. These include:

- 1. bonds, notes, or other obligations of or guaranteed by the United States, or those for which the faith of the United States is pledged for payment of principal and interest thereon but does not include stripped principal or interest obligations of such obligations;
- 2. bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities directly issued by a Federal government agency or instrumentality;
- 3. interim deposits in Board-approved depositories;
- 4. bonds and other obligations of the State;
- 5. no-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in A. and B. above or repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided such investments are made only through banks and savings and loan institutions authorized by R.C. 135.03;
- 6. The Ohio Subdivision Fund (STAR Ohio).

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions.

<u>Deposits</u>

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned. Protection of District cash and deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as well as qualified securities pledged by the institution holding the assets. Ohio law requires that deposits be placed in eligible banks or savings and loan associations located in Ohio. Any public depository in which the District places deposits must pledge as collateral eligible securities of aggregate market value equal to the excess of deposits not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The securities pledged as collateral are pledged to a pool for each individual financial institution in amounts equal to at least 105 percent of the carrying value of all public deposits held by each institution. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are limited to obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of any state, county, municipal corporation or other legally constituted authority of any state, or any instrumentality of such county, municipal corporation or other authority. Collateral is held by trustees including the Federal Reserve Bank and designated third party trustees of the financial institutions.

At year-end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$2,133,700 and the bank balance was \$2,151,405. Federal depository insurance covered \$268,233 of the bank balance. The remaining \$1,883,172 was collateralized in the manner described above.

<u>Investments</u>

As of December 31, 2008, the District had the following investment:

Weighted Average
Fair Value Maturity (Years)

STAR Ohio \$5,145,436 0.15

Credit Risk: STAR Ohio carries a rating of AAAm by Standard and Poor's. The District has no investment policy dealing with investment credit risk beyond the requirements in state statutes. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service.

Interest Rate Risk – State statute requires that an investment mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District, and that an investment must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held until maturity. The District has no investment policy beyond the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code relating to interest rate risk.

Custodial Credit Risk – For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District has no investment policy dealing with the investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the District or qualified trustee.

4. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

The District has entered into intergovernmental agreements with the Clermont County Commissioners, Clermont County Engineers Office, Miami Township and Union Township to provide funding to the District to facilitate the development and implementation of the District's projects.

The initial intergovernmental agreements executed with the Clermont County Commissioners and Clermont County Engineers Office each initially provided for \$10,000,000 of funding commitments from available revenue sources in the amount of \$1,000,000 per year for a period of 10 years beginning in 2007. During March 2009, amendments to those agreements have increased the pledged revenue commitments of over an extended period ending 2028.

The initial intergovernmental agreements with Miami Township and Union Township each initially provided for \$1,000,000 of funding commitments from available revenue sources in the amount of \$100,000 per year for a period of 10 years beginning in 2007. The agreement with the Miami Township was amended during March 2009 to increase the pledged revenue commitment of the Township over an extended period ending 2028.

The remaining amended intergovernmental agreement balances covering pledged revenues are as follows:

	Remaining
	Agreement
Clermont County Commissioners	\$ 27,000,000
Clermont County Engineers Office	20,000,000
Miami Township	10,800,000
Union Township	800,000
Total	\$58,600,000

5. LONG-TERM DEBT

Changes in the long-term debt of the District during 2008 were as follows:

	Maturity	/ Balance			Balance	Amount Due
	Interest	January 1,]	December 31,	Within
	<u>Rate</u>	<u>2008</u>	Additions	Deletions	<u>2008</u>	One Year
Series 2007						
Roadway	2012					
Improvement						
Bonds –	3.875-					
\$5,000,000	4.250%	\$5,000,000	\$ -	(\$475,000)	\$4,525,000	\$495,000
Premium on Bonds Total	3	105,438 \$5,105,438	<u> </u>	(19,678) (\$494,678)	85,760 \$4,610,760	18,046 \$513,046

The District issued Clermont County Transportation Improvement District Roadway Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2007, dated December 5, 2007, to provide initial partial funding for Phase 1 of the District's Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The remaining balance of the Series 2007 bonds will mature on December 1 in various amounts ranging from \$495,000 in 2009 to \$650,000 in 2016. Interest, at rates varying from 3.875 percent to 4.250 percent per annum, is payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1.

The District has pledged receipts which consist of 1) Project Funding of \$1 million per year from both the Clermont County Engineer and Clermont County Commissioners for 10 years, 2) Future Project Funding 3) Net RID revenues and 4) any other revenues, such as gifts or grants, to the extent they are not prohibited by their terms, to repay the principal and interest on the bonds. The bonds are payable from pledged revenues through 2016. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are expected to require less than 22% of annual pledged revenues.

The annual requirements to retire governmental activities debt are as follows:

Year ended December 31,	Principal	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2009	\$ 495,000	\$183,057	\$ 678,057
2010	510,000	163,875	673,875
2011	530,000	144,112	674,112
2012	550,000	123,575	673,575
2013	575,000	102,262	677,262
2014-2016	1,865,000	160,862	2,025,862
Total	<u>\$4,525,000</u>	<u>\$877,743</u>	<u>\$5,402,743</u>

6. CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

As of December 31, 2008, the District had open unpaid contractual commitments related to various projects as follows:

		Remaining
Contract Amounts	Paid to Date	Commitments
\$5,056,975	\$3,219,010	<u>\$1,837,965</u>

7. TRANSFERS

During the year, the District transferred a total of \$2,886,626 out of the General Fund to the following funds:

<u>Transfer-In Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Debt Service	\$ 674,224
Wolfpen Pleasant Hill Improvement Project	284,393
Business 28 Phase I Improvement Project Fund	376,117
Beechwood Road Realignment Project	336,754
Other Governmental Funds	1,215,138
Total	\$2,886,626

Transfers are made to provide funding as project expenditures or debt payment retirements are incurred.

8. CURRENT PROJECTS

The District was involved in the following major projects during 2008:

- Wolfpen Pleasant Hill Improvement Project, which is for the construction of additional lanes from Allen Drive to SR 131 to facilitate north-south travel between SR 28 and SR 131, and additional turn lanes to accommodate access.
- Business 28 Phase I Improvement Project, which is for the widening of existing Business SR 28 and consolidation of access points, and other related construction
- Beechwood Road Realignment Project, which is for the straightening of the southern end of Beechwood Road and realignment of its connection to State Route 32 as well as additional road repaying for various streets of Union Township.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

General liability Public Officials Liability Crime

There have been no claims resulting from these risks since inception of the District in July 2006. There have been no significant changes in coverage since July 2006.



Clermont County Transportation Improvement District Combining Balance Sheet All Governmental Funds December 31, 2008

Amelia Olive Branch Relocation Project Fund		· ·		1	' '	•	-
Eastern Corridor Segment IVa Project Fund	7,877	7,877	7,877	7,877			7,877
Se Pr	∞	\$	↔	ļ			\$
SR 32 Corridor East Project Fund	12,261	12,261	12,261	12,261	1 1	'	12,261
C. Pr	↔	\$	↔				↔
Beechwood Road Realignment Project Fund	23,839	23,839	23,839	23,839		1	23,839
Re Pru	↔	\$	∨				\$
Business 28 Phase I Improvement Project Fund	70,311	70,311	70,311	70,311	1 1	1	70,311
M M	↔	\$	⊗				S
Wolfpen- Pleasant Hill Improvement Project Fund	116,021	116,021	116,021	116,021	1 1	1	116,021
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Debt Service Fund	· · · ·	•	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1	1 1	1	· •
General	6,817,878 126,754 250,000	\$ 7,194,632	69,943	446,697	6,747,935	6,747,935	\$ 7,194,632
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	Assets Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments Intergovernmental Receivable Grant Receivable	Total Assets	Liabilities Accounts Payable Contracts Payable Deferred Revenue	Total Liabilities	Fund Balances Unreserved, Undesignated in: General Fund Restricted for Capital Projects	Total Fund Balances	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances

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Clermont County Transportation Improvement District Combining Balance Sheet All Governmental Funds December 31, 2008 (continued)

	M _S	Traffic Modeling and Simulation Fund	Castleberry Court Court to I-275 Project Fund	SR 28 Improv (Branch Hill- Guinea Pike) Project Fund	ov (e) II-	Real Estate Appraisal & Acquisition Project Fund	Clough Pike Improvement Project Fund	Rail t Freight Project Fund	Fro	Eastgate North Frontage Road Project Fund	Slon William Covere Projec	Slonelick- Williams Corner Covered Bridge Project Fund	T	Total
Assets Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments Intergovernmental Receivable Grant Receivable	↔	11,062	\$ 30,546	÷	1 1 1	\$ 19,965	\$ 44,511	s	s	34,865	∨	90,006	\$ 7,	7,279,136 126,754 250,000
Total Assets	↔	11,062	\$ 30,546	8	-	\$ 19,965	\$ 44,511	- *	∞	34,865	↔	90,000	\$ 7,	7,655,890
Liabilities Accounts Payable Contracts Payable Deferred Revenue	↔	11,062	30,546	\$. 19,965	. 44,511	*	∽	34,865	∨	5,972	∽	69,943 377,230 376,754
Total Liabilities		11,062	30,546	9		19,965	44,511	-		34,865		5,972		823,927
Fund Balances Unreserved, Undesignated in: General Fund Restricted for Capital Projects		1 1										- 84,028	6,	6,747,935
Total Fund Balances		1				'				1		84,028	6,	6,831,963
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	11,062	\$ 30,546	\$ 9		\$ 19,965	\$ 44,511		↔	34,865	∽	90,000	\$ 7,	\$ 7,655,890

Clermont County Transportation Improvement District Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances All Governmental Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	General	Debt Service Fund	Wolfpen- Pleasant Hill Improvement Project Fund	Business 28 Phase I Improvement Project Fund	Beechwood Road Realignment Project Fund	SR 32 Corridor East Project Fund	Eastern Corridor Segment IVa Project Fund	Amelia Olive Branch Relocation Project Fund
Revenues: Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 2,873,246	\$	\$	\$ 25,000	\$ 408,121	\$	· €9	
Total Revenues	2,873,246	'	1	25,000	408,121			1
Expenditures Current: General Government	91,622	,	1 1	1 1	1 1	ı	1	
Program Development Program Implementation	56,485			1 1				1 1
Public Works	1	•	284,393	401,117	744,875	281,622	164,589	182,361
Total Expenditures	285,495	'	284,393	401,117	744,875	281,622	164,589	182,361
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	2,587,751	1	(284,393)	(376,117)	(336,754)	(281,622)	(164,589)	(182,361)
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Interest Income	201,735	1	1	ı	1	,	1	1
Redemption of Principal Interest Expense Transfere.In	1 1	(475,000) (199,224) 674,224	- 284 303	- 376 117	- 32C ASE			
Transfers-Out	(2,886,626)	1		-		10,101		100,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(2,684,891)	1	284,393	376,117	336,754	281,622	164,589	182,361
Net Change in Fund Balances	(97,140)	•	ı	1	ı	1	ı	
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	6,845,075	1			1		1	
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 6,747,935	· \$	\$	\$	\$	\$		· *

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Clermont County Transportation Improvement District Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances All Governmental Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2008 (continued)

	Traffic Modeling and Simulation	Castleberry Court Court to I-275	SR 28 Improv (Branch Hill- Guinea Pike)	Real Estate Appraisal & Acquisition	Clough Pike Improvement	Rail Freight	Eastgate North Frontage Road	Slonelick- Williams Corner Covered Bridge	,
Revenues: Intergovernmental Revenue	Fund	Project Fund	Project Fund \$ 11,000	Project Fund	Project Fund	Project Fund	Project Fund	Project Fund \$ 90,000	Total \$ 3,407,367
Total Revenues	1	,	11,000			1	1	000'06	3,407,367
Expenditures Current: General Government Program Development Program Implementation Public Works	54,056	124,043	194,797	23,718	166,041	46	34,865	5,972	91,622 56,485 137,388 2,662,495
Total Expenditures	54,056	124,043	194,797	23,718	166,041	46	34,865	5,972	2,947,990
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(54,056)	(124,043)	(183,797)	(23,718)	(166,041)	(46)	(34,865)	84,028	375,349
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Interest Income Redemption of Principal Interest Expense Transfers-In Transfers-Out	54,056	124,043	- - 183,797	23,718	166,041	46	34,865		201,735 (475,000) (199,224) 2,886,626 (2,886,626)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	54,056	124,043	183,797	23,718	166,041	46	34,865		(472,489)
Net Change in Fund Balances	•	,	1	1	•	ı	ı	84,028	(13,112)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	6,845,075
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$	· ·	· S	- -	€	· ·	\$	\$ 84,028	\$ 6,831,963

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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

Members of the Board Clermont County Transportation Improvement District 175 East Main Street, Suite 150 Batavia, Ohio 45103

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (the District), a component unit of Clermont County, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, and have issued our report thereon dated April 17, 2009. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the District's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that District's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

Members of the Board

Clermont County Transportation Improvement District

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management and members of the Board. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.

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April 17, 2009



Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

CLERMONT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT CLERMONT COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JUNE 2, 2009