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# CENTRAL TEXAS TURNPIKE SYSTEM

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An enterprise fund of the Texas Department of Transportation

**Annual Financial Report**  
For The Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2017  
(With Independent Auditor's Report)





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An Enterprise Fund of the Texas Department of Transportation

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended**  
**August 31, 2017**

Prepared by:  
Financial Management Division of the Texas Department of Transportation

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Section One

## **Introductory Section**

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December 15, 2017

To: The Citizens of the State of Texas and the Creditors of the Central Texas Turnpike System

The audited annual financial statements of the Central Texas Turnpike System (CTTS) for the year ended August 31, 2017 are enclosed in accordance with the Indenture of Trust dated July 15, 2002. The Indenture of Trust, as supplemented by the first through seventh Supplemental Indentures (Indenture), requires the preparation and submission of audited annual financial statements.

An external audit firm, Crowe Horwath LLP, performed an independent audit, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, of CTTS' basic financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2017. The audit opinion is presented in this report preceding the financial statements. This report was prepared by the accounting staff in the Financial Management Division of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). CTTS' internal accounting controls provide reasonable assurance regarding the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposal and the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the cost of a control should not exceed the resulting benefit.

Management is responsible for the accuracy of the data in this report as well as for the completeness and fairness of the presentation. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and fairness of all of the information presented in the financial statements. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the financial statements are accurate in all material respects, are reported in a manner that presents fairly the financial position and results of operations of CTTS and provide disclosures that enable the reader to understand CTTS' financial condition.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) provides a narrative introduction, overview and analysis of the financial activities of TxDOT. We encourage readers to consider the information in this letter of transmittal in conjunction with the MD&A.

### **Profile of the Government**

This report includes financial statements for CTTS. CTTS is part of TxDOT's reporting entity. TxDOT is an agency of the state of Texas. TxDOT is managed by an executive director and is governed by the five-member Texas Transportation Commission. All members of the Commission are appointed by the Governor. The Commission is authorized to issue general obligation and revenue bonds per statutory and constitutional provisions.

Texas Transportation Code grants the Commission the authority to study, plan, design, construct, finance, operate and maintain turnpikes in all 254 counties of the state as a part of the state's highway system. The Commission can issue turnpike revenue bonds to pay all or a part of the cost of a turnpike project, to enter into comprehensive development agreements to execute projects and to acquire right of way through quick-take procedures. Such revenue bonds were issued to fund a portion of the costs of constructing the CTTS roadways.

### **Budgetary Controls**

Annual budgets are approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in accordance with the indenture and reviewed by the general engineering consultants. These budgets are entered and maintained in the statewide accounting system as collected revenues or reimbursements. Controls are maintained at the agency level, with additional control at the fund and appropriation level to ensure expenditures do not exceed collected amounts.

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### Information Useful in Assessing CTTS' Financial Condition

The following are the active sub-accounts of CTTS, established in accordance with the Indenture:

- Revenue Fund – Monies from CTTS tolls and fees are deposited into the Revenue Fund and flow through the Master Trust Indenture flow of funds. To the extent all funds have the required balances, any monies on deposit in the Revenue Fund can be transferred to the General Reserve Fund and used for the purposes allowed by the General Reserve Fund. The General Reserve Fund currently has no deposits.
- First Tier Debt Service Fund – Monies on deposit may be used solely for principal and interest debt service on First Tier obligations.
- First Tier Debt Service Reserve Fund – Monies on deposit may be used solely to pay debt service on First Tier obligations to the extent funds are not otherwise available.
- Second Tier Debt Service Fund – Monies on deposit may be used solely for principal and interest debt service on Second Tier Obligations.
- Second Tier Debt Service Reserve Fund – Monies on deposit may be used solely to pay debt service on Second Tier Obligations to the extent funds are not otherwise available.
- Rate Stabilization Fund – Monies on deposit in this account are intended to assure rates and charges remain competitive and reasonable. Permissible uses: (i) cure deficiency in debt service funds, (ii) deposit into operating account under certain conditions, (iii) pay operating expenses or maintenance expenses if operating account and maintenance account are insufficient and (iv) for any other purpose for which revenues are permitted to be used under applicable law under the CTTS Master Indenture (includes self-insurance). The balance for this fund must at least equal \$67.9 million, which represents all revenues received through Aug. 31, 2008, unless amounts in the fund are used to cure a debt service deficiency for any tier. In no event shall the fund balance be reduced below \$10 million.
- Operating Account – Monies used for operating expenses, held outside the Trust.
- Maintenance Account – Monies used for maintenance expenses, held outside the Trust.
- Reserve Maintenance Account – Monies used for Annual Capital Budget and unusual or extraordinary maintenance, held outside the Trust.
- Construction Fund-Capital Contributions Account – Monies on deposit are mainly comprised of TxDOT contributions and accumulated interest earnings. The funds may only be used for lawful purposes of the system.

TxDOT and the Trustee are responsible for ensuring that funds maintain the proper minimum balances as set forth in the Indenture and for investing in securities required to meet liquidity requirements. The criteria for suitable investments for each fund type are detailed in the Commission's investment strategy.

All monies in the revenue fund, debt service fund, rate stabilization fund and construction fund – capital contributions account are invested in money market funds, government securities and investment pools that are in compliance with the Commission's investment policy.

The debt service reserve fund is invested in an investment pool and a repurchase agreement collateralized by U.S. Treasury and Agency Securities.

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**Acknowledgements**

The preparation of the report requires the efforts of individuals throughout TxDOT, including the dedicated efforts of the management and staff of the TxDOT Financial Reports Section of the Financial Management Division and the Project Finance, Debt & Strategic Contracts Division. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of all these individuals who continue to help make TxDOT a leader in quality financial reporting.

Sincerely,



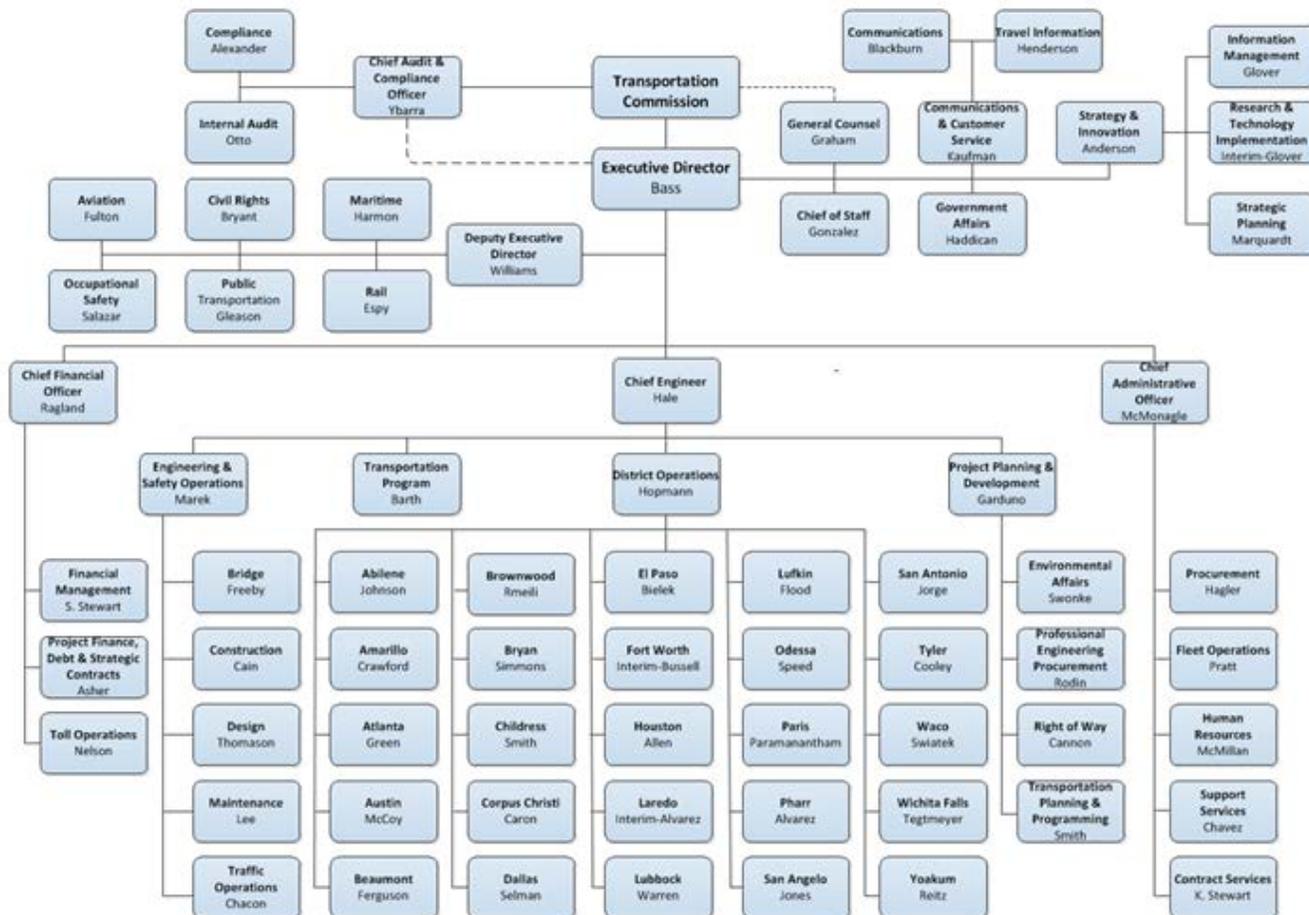
James M. Bass  
Executive Director

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# Texas Department of Transportation Organization Chart as of August 31, 2017



**Commission and Key Personnel  
As of August 31, 2017**

**TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

TRYON D. LEWIS.....Chair  
Odessa

JEFF AUSTIN III ..... Commissioner  
Tyler

J. BRUCE BUGG, JR. .... Commissioner  
San Antonio

LAURA RYAN ..... Commissioner  
Houston

VICTOR VANDERGRIFF..... Commissioner  
Fort Worth

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

JAMES M. BASS ..... Executive Director

MARC WILLIAMS..... Deputy Executive Director

JESUS GONZALEZ.....Chief of Staff

BRIAN RAGLAND..... Chief Financial Officer

BENITO YBARRA ..... Chief Audit and Compliance Officer

BILL HALE ..... Chief Engineer

RICHARD MCMONAGLE ..... Chief Administrative Officer

BOB KAUFMAN ..... Director of Communications and Customer Service

JEFF GRAHAM ..... General Counsel

JERRY HADDICAN ..... Director of Government Affairs

DARRAN ANDERSON..... Director of Strategy and Innovation

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Section Two

## **Financial Section**

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Texas Transportation Commission  
State of Texas

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Central Texas Turnpike System (System), an enterprise fund of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), an agency of the State of Texas, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the System's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the System, as of August 31, 2017, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## Emphasis of Matters

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Central Texas Turnpike System, an enterprise fund of the Texas Department of Transportation, an agency of the State of Texas, and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of TxDOT or the State of Texas, as of August 31, 2017, the changes in its financial position or, where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## Other Matters

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *Management's Discussion and Analysis* on pages 12-15 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the System's basic financial statements. The introductory section is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The introductory section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 15, 2017 on our consideration of the System's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the System's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Crowe Horwath LLP*

Crowe Horwath LLP

Dallas, Texas  
December 15, 2017

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## **Management's Discussion & Analysis**

**(Unaudited)**

## Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), we offer readers of the Central Texas Turnpike System's (CTTS) financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of its financial activities for the year ended Aug. 31, 2017, with selected comparative information for the year ended Aug. 31, 2016. The information presented should be read in conjunction with our letter of transmittal, the financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

### Highlights

During fiscal 2017, CTTS generated \$185.2 million in toll revenues (net of allowance), an increase of \$14.5 million or 8.5 percent over fiscal 2016. Toll revenues increased due to a 6.7 percent increase in overall toll transactions, with 152 million transactions recorded on CTTS roadways in fiscal 2017.

CTTS increased their operating, maintenance, and reserve maintenance accounts held in the state highway fund to \$92.8 million; the indenture requires these monies to be held separate and apart from its other funds and accounts. These balances will enable CTTS to pay directly for budgeted expenses throughout the coming year.

The assets and deferred outflows of CTTS exceeded its liabilities by \$330.1 million as of Aug. 31, 2017, a decrease of \$16.7 million or 4.8 percent from fiscal 2016. The majority of the decrease is attributable to depreciation of capital assets of \$54.4 million and accretion of long-term liabilities of \$30.2 million, offset by an increase in operating revenues of \$28.7 million.

### Overview of the Financial Statements

The annual financial report consists of two parts: management's discussion and analysis (this section) and the basic financial statements with their accompanying notes.

### Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a group of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. TxDOT, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. Proprietary funds are used to account for a government's business-type activities. The activities related to CTTS are accounted for in an enterprise fund, which is a type of proprietary fund used to report activities in which a fee is charged to external users for goods and services.

## Financial Analysis

The overall financial position and operations of CTTS for the past two years is summarized as follows.

<b>Statement of Net Position</b>		
August 31, 2017 and 2016 (Amounts in Thousands)		
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Assets Other Than Capital Assets	\$ 635,947	\$ 583,636
Capital Assets	<u>2,648,000</u>	<u>2,696,832</u>
Total Assets	<u>3,283,947</u>	<u>3,280,468</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>30,102</u>	<u>32,021</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities	41,491	26,999
Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>2,942,418</u>	<u>2,938,612</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,983,909</u>	<u>2,965,611</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	597,067	637,980
Restricted for Debt Service	77,154	65,439
Restricted for Operations and Maintenance	92,825	56,454
Unrestricted	<u>(436,906)</u>	<u>(412,995)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 330,140</u>	<u>\$ 346,878</u>

<b>Changes in Net Position</b>		
For the Fiscal Years Ended August 31, 2017 and 2016 (Amounts in Thousands)		
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 200,905	\$ 172,235
Total Nonoperating Revenues	<u>9,794</u>	<u>7,883</u>
Total Revenues	<u>210,699</u>	<u>180,118</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Total Operating Expenses	105,595	101,273
Total Nonoperating Expenses	<u>127,033</u>	<u>125,701</u>
Total Expenses	<u>232,628</u>	<u>226,974</u>
Loss Before Transfers	<u>(21,929)</u>	<u>(46,856)</u>
Transfers*	<u>5,191</u>	<u>2,067</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>(16,738)</u>	<u>(44,789)</u>
Net Position – Beginning	346,878	391,667
Net Position – Ending	<u>\$ 330,140</u>	<u>\$ 346,878</u>
* Transfers includes capital assets from state highway fund of \$5.2 million and \$1.9 million, for fiscal 2017 and fiscal 2016, respectively.		

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of CTTS' financial position. Net position will decline as additional noncurrent liabilities are accrued via principal accretion on outstanding CTTS debt and depreciation of assets. Debt service was \$114.9 million in fiscal 2017 and is scheduled to increase to \$121.3 million in fiscal 2018. Operations and maintenance expense (excluding depreciation) is estimated to increase approximately \$5.8 million.

## Capital Assets and Debt Administration

### Capital Assets

As of Aug. 31, 2017, CTTS had approximately \$2.6 billion in net capital assets.

Capital Assets-Net of Depreciation and Amortization August 31, 2017 and 2016 (Amounts in Thousands)		
	2017	2016
Land	\$ 668,770	\$ 668,283
Construction in Progress	8,352	17,757
Land Use Rights	19,466	19,466
Infrastructure-Roadways and Bridges	1,947,170	1,986,723
Buildings	4,242	4,603
Total Capital Assets	<u>\$ 2,648,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,696,832</u>

The decrease in net capital assets of \$48.8 million mostly reflects depreciation of \$54.4 million. The Commission has authorized an expansion project which will add one lane in each direction over a 20-mile section of SH 130. Construction is planned to commence in fiscal 2018 and to be completed in 2020.

### Debt Administration

The Commission has issued revenue bonds backed by the pledged revenues and restricted assets specified in the bond resolutions. As of Aug. 31, 2017, CTTS had approximately \$3.0 billion of outstanding revenue bond debt. See Notes 4 & 5 for more information.

Outstanding Debt Obligations August 31, 2017 and 2016 (Amounts in Thousands)		
	2017	2016
Revenue Bonds Payable	\$ 2,968,809	\$ 2,958,663
Total Outstanding Debt	<u>\$ 2,968,809</u>	<u>\$ 2,958,663</u>

**Bond Credit Ratings**

The outstanding bonds of CTTS were rated by each of the three major Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations. As of Aug. 31, 2017, the CTTS bonds carried the following ratings:

<b>CTTS Credit Ratings as of August 31, 2017</b>				
(Amounts in Thousands)				
<b>August 31, 2017</b>				
<u>Bond Description</u>	<u>Net Outstanding</u>	<u>Moody's</u>	<u>S &amp; P</u>	<u>Fitch</u>
First Tier Revenue Bonds Series 2002-A				
Non-Callable Capital Appreciation Bonds	\$ 470,225	A3	A-	A-
First Tier Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012-A	627,352	A3	A-	A-
First Tier Revenue Refunding Put Bonds, Series 2015-A	258,441	A3	A-	A-
First Tier Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015-B	223,769	A3	A-	A-
First Tier Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015-B, Capital Appreciation Bonds	103,527	A3	A-	A-
Second Tier Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015-C	1,285,495	Baa1	BBB+	BBB
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,968,809</b>			

An explanation of the significance of each rating may be obtained from the company furnishing the rating. The ratings reflect only the views of such companies at the time such ratings are given, and the Commission makes no representation as to the appropriateness of the ratings. There is no assurance that such ratings will continue for any given period of time or that they will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by such companies if, in the judgment of such companies, circumstances so warrant.

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of CTTS' finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the TxDOT Financial Management Division at the following address:

Texas Department of Transportation  
 Financial Management Division - Accounting Section  
 125 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Austin, Texas 78701-2483

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## **Basic Financial Statements**

**Central Texas Turnpike System**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
August 31, 2017 (Amounts in Thousands)

**ASSETS**

Current Assets:

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash and Cash Equivalents in State Treasury	\$	92,795
Cash Equivalents		234,121
Short-Term Investments		29,949

Restricted:

Cash Equivalents		72,570
Short-Term Investments		71,993

Receivables:

Accounts Receivable		16,535
Interest and Dividends		267
Due from Other Funds (Note 7)		1,310
Consumable Inventory		1,408
Total Current Assets		<u>520,948</u>

Noncurrent Assets:

Restricted:

Investments		114,999
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Capital Assets:

Non-Depreciable Capital Assets (Note 2)		696,588
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net (Note 2)		1,951,412
Total Noncurrent Assets		<u>2,762,999</u>

Total Assets		<u>3,283,947</u>
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**DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Loss on Bond Refunding		<u>30,102</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources		<u>30,102</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Current Liabilities:

Payables:

Accounts		10,640
Interest		4,460
Revenue Bonds Payable (Notes 4, 5)		26,391
Total Current Liabilities		<u>41,491</u>

Noncurrent Liabilities:

Revenue Bonds Payable (Notes 4, 5)		<u>2,942,418</u>
Total Noncurrent Liabilities		<u>2,942,418</u>

Total Liabilities		<u>2,983,909</u>
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**NET POSITION**

Net Investment in Capital Assets		597,067
Restricted for:		
Debt Service		77,154
Operations and Maintenance		92,825
Unrestricted		(436,906)
Total Net Position	\$	<u>330,140</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this financial statement.

**Central Texas Turnpike System**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position**  
For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2017 (Amounts in Thousands)

**OPERATING REVENUES**

Toll Revenue - Pledged	\$ 218,408
Discounts and Allowances	(33,207)
Fee Revenue - Pledged	15,704
Total Operating Revenues	<u>200,905</u>

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

Salaries	1,579
Professional Fees and Services	3,172
Travel	10
Materials and Supplies	1,503
Communication and Utilities	799
Repairs and Maintenance	14,543
Rentals and Leases	31
Contracted Services	24,864
Advertising	1,042
Depreciation Expense	54,403
Other Operating Expenses	3,649
Total Operating Expenses	<u>105,595</u>

Operating Income	<u>95,310</u>
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**NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)**

Lease Revenue	13
Interest and Investment Income	9,781
Net Decrease in Fair Value of Investments	(6)
Amortization	12,167
Interest Expense	(139,168)
Financing Fees	(26)
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>(117,239)</u>

Loss before Transfers	<u>(21,929)</u>
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**TRANSFERS**

Transfers In (Note 7)	<u>5,191</u>
Total Transfers	<u>5,191</u>

Change in Net Position	<u>(16,738)</u>
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Net Position, September 1, 2016	<u>346,878</u>
Net Position, August 31, 2017	<u>\$ <u>330,140</u></u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this financial statement.

## Central Texas Turnpike System Statement of Cash Flows

For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2017 (Amounts in Thousands)

<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Proceeds from Customers	\$ 197,273
Payments for Operating Expenses	<u>(44,269)</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>153,004</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Proceeds from Transfers from Other Funds	<u>56,678</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>56,678</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Proceeds from Lease Revenue	13
Payments for Purchase of Capital Assets	(380)
Payments for Principal on Debt	(7,885)
Payments of Interest on Debt	(107,051)
Payments for Interfund Services Used for Other Financing Fees	<u>(25)</u>
NET CASH USED BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>(115,328)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Proceeds from Sales of Investments	196,037
Proceeds from Interest and Investment Income	9,291
Payments to Acquire Investments	<u>(249,700)</u>
NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(44,372)</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<u>49,982</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING	<u>349,504</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - ENDING	<u>\$ 399,486</u>

**Central Texas Turnpike System**  
**Statement of Cash Flows (concluded)**

For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2017 (Amounts in Thousands)

**RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH  
PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Operating Income	\$	95,310
Adjustments:		
Depreciation		54,403
Increase in Receivables		(3,631)
Increase in Inventories		(1,230)
Increase in Payables		8,152
Total Adjustments		<u>57,694</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$	<u>153,004</u>

**NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL, AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:**

Transfer in of capital assets from other fund	\$	5,191
Net change in Fair Market Value of Investments	\$	(6)
Amortization of Premium/Discount On Investments	\$	294

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this financial statement.

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**Central Texas Turnpike System**  
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## **NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### ***Reporting Entity***

The accompanying financial statements reflect the financial position of the Central Texas Turnpike System (CTTS). CTTS is an enterprise fund of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), an agency of the state of Texas. The Texas Transportation Commission (Commission), the governing body of TxDOT, has the authority to commit CTTS to various legal agreements.

As of Aug. 31, 2017, CTTS consists of State Highway 130 Segments 1 through 4, State Highway 45 North, the tolled portion of Loop 1 and State Highway 45 Southeast. A portion of the costs of planning, designing, engineering, developing and constructing of the first three elements was financed by bonds issued by the Commission. In the future, at the Commission's discretion, additional projects may be added to CTTS.

CTTS does not have any employees, although labor costs are included in the cost of constructing, operating and maintaining CTTS. When TxDOT staff members perform work on behalf of CTTS, the proportionate cost of that labor is reported as an expense of CTTS. TxDOT's risk financing and insurance programs apply to CTTS.

The records of CTTS are maintained in accordance with the practices set forth in the provisions of the indentures of the outstanding revenue bonds. These practices are modeled after generally accepted accounting principles that are similar to private business enterprises.

### ***Basis of Presentation and Basis of Accounting***

The accompanying financial statements were prepared in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). CTTS implemented the following new GASB pronouncements for fiscal 2017:

- *GASB Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans.* This statement establishes reporting requirements for reporting defined benefit OPEB plans and defined contribution OPEB plans administered through trusts or equivalent arrangements. It supersedes the remaining provisions of GASB Statements 25 and 50 as well as GASB Statement 43 and certain paragraphs of Statements 45 and 57.
- *GASB Statement No. 77, Tax Abatement Disclosures.* This statement defines a tax abatement as resulting from an agreement between a government and an individual or entity in which the government promises to forgo tax revenues and the individual or entity promises to subsequently take a specific action that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the government or its citizens. The Statement provides information about the nature and magnitude of tax revenue reductions via tax abatement programs.
- *GASB Statement No. 78, Pensions Provided through Certain Multiple-employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans.* This statement provides reporting guidance for employers whose employees are provided defined benefit pensions through cost-sharing multiple-employer plans with certain characteristics. The requirements include recognition and measurement of pension expense, expenditures, and liabilities; note disclosures; and required supplementary information.
- *GASB Statement No. 80, Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units, an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14.* This statement amends the blending requirements for the financial statement presentation of component units of all state and local governments. It requires blending of a component unit incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in which the primary government is the sole corporate member.

- *GASB Statement No. 82, Pension Issues—an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73.* This statement addresses issues regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contribution requirements.

These financial statements present only the financial position, changes in financial position and cash flows of CTTS. They are not intended to, and do not, present fairly the financial position, changes in financial position or cash flows of TxDOT. The reporting period is for the state fiscal year ended Aug. 31, 2017.

CTTS, an enterprise fund of TxDOT, is part of TxDOT's reporting entity. CTTS does not have any employees and does not make contributions to any retirement plans. TxDOT employees provide all accounting and administrative services for CTTS. Those employees are members of the Employee Retirement System of Texas defined benefit pension plan (ERS Plan).

### ***Fund Structure***

The activity of CTTS is reported in a proprietary fund. Proprietary funds are accounted for using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized at the time liabilities are incurred.

A proprietary fund distinguishes operating from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses result from providing services or producing and delivering goods in connection with the proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations.

### ***Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities and Net Position***

#### ***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

Short-term highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less are considered cash equivalents. On the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, cash in bank and money market funds with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

#### ***Investments***

Short-term investments are investments with a maturity greater than 90 days but less than one year at the time of purchase. Short-term investments are recorded on an amortized cost basis. Long-term investments are investments with a maturity of one year or more at the time of purchase. Long-term investments are recorded at fair value based upon quoted market prices as of the fiscal year end. All investment income, including changes in the fair value of investments, is recognized as nonoperating revenue in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position. See Note 3 for more information.

#### ***Accounts Receivable***

The accounts receivable asset is comprised of toll operations revenue earned but not yet received by CTTS of \$49.7 million, less an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$33.2 million, as of Aug. 31, 2017.

*Due from Other Funds*

Due from other funds represents amounts due for the Veterans Waiver and Truck Discount programs. See Note 7 for more information.

*Consumable Inventory*

Consumable inventory is comprised of toll tags. The consumption method of accounting is used to account for inventory. The costs of these items are expensed when the items are consumed.

*Restricted Assets*

Restricted assets include monies or other resources restricted by legal or contractual requirements. These assets include proceeds of enterprise fund notes/loans, revenue bonds and revenues set aside for statutory or contractual requirements. CTTS may receive funding whose related expenditure is restricted to certain activities. In situations where both restricted and unrestricted resources are available to cover expenses, CTTS will first expend the restricted resources and cover additional costs with unrestricted resources. CTTS reserves the right to selectively defer the use of restricted assets.

*Capital Assets*

Capital assets, which include buildings, construction in progress, infrastructure, land and permanent land-use rights are capitalized and reported in the financial statements.

Capital assets are assets with a cost above a set minimum capitalization threshold that, when acquired, have an estimated useful life of more than one year. Land, permanent land-use rights and construction in progress do not have a capitalization threshold and are not depreciated. The capitalization thresholds and useful lives of CTTS' depreciable capital assets are as follows:

<b>Capitalization of Assets</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b>Capitalization Threshold</b>	<b>Estimated Useful Life</b>
Buildings and Building Improvements	\$100,000	22 years
Infrastructure, Depreciable	\$500,000	40 years

All capital assets are capitalized at cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. Costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add value to the asset or materially extend the asset's useful life are not capitalized.

CTTS uses the depreciation approach for reporting both highways and highway bridges of the infrastructure assets. Under the depreciation approach, infrastructure assets are depreciated over a 40 year life, and certain preservation costs are capitalized. The capitalization threshold of \$500,000 is used for both highway bridges and roadways.

CTTS also holds three years of costs in construction in progress at all times. At the fourth year, the first year is moved to depreciable infrastructure. The three year assumption is based on a 2.7 year contract life when using the weighted dollar analysis of project costs and completion dates over the ten year history.

See Note 2 for more information on Capital Assets.

*Deferred Outflows of Resources*

Deferred outflows of resources are a consumption of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period. Deferred outflows of resources increase net position, similar to assets. Loss on refunding debt is reported as deferred outflows of resources.

### *Revenue Bonds Payable*

Revenue bonds payable are reported at par less unamortized discount or plus unamortized premium. Payables are reported separately as either current or noncurrent in the statement of net position. See Notes 4 and 5 for more information.

### *Net Position*

Proprietary funds report net position as the residual amount in a statement of net position. The categories of net position reported in this report include:

#### *Net Investment in Capital Assets*

Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation), and deferred outflow of resources, reduced by outstanding balances for bonds, notes and other debt that are attributed to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

#### *Restricted*

Restricted net position results when constraints placed on net position's use are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors and the like, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The restricted component of net position represents restricted assets reduced by liabilities related to those assets.

#### *Unrestricted*

Unrestricted net position consists of the assets and liabilities that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

### *Revenues, Expenses, Contributions and Transfers*

#### *Operating Revenues*

Operating revenues consist of toll revenues of \$218.4 million, net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$33.2 million for fiscal 2017, and fees of \$15.7 million earned by CTTS.

#### *Operating Expenses*

Operating expenses include expenses incurred in operating the toll roads and the customer service center, and depreciation on capital assets.

#### *Nonoperating Revenues/Expenses*

Nonoperating revenues are mainly comprised of interest and investment revenue and lease revenue. Nonoperating expenses are any expenses not classified as operating, including bond interest expense and accretion on capital appreciation bonds.

#### *Transfers*

Transfers In represents interfund transfers of capital assets from the State Highway Fund to CTTS. See Note 7 for more information.

**NOTE 2 – CAPITAL ASSETS**

The table below presents the composition of CTTS’ capital assets, reclassifications, additions and deletions during fiscal 2017. The reclassifications column represents completed construction projects and transfers of capital assets between the governmental and business-type activities of TxDOT. The additions column includes current year purchases and depreciation. The deletions column represents assets removed during the current fiscal year via sale or disposition.

<b>Capital Assets Activity</b>					
For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2017					
(Amounts in Thousands)					
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Reclass-</b>			<b>Balance</b>
	<b>09/1/2016</b>	<b>ifications</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Deletions</b>	<b>08/31/2017</b>
<b>Non-Depreciable Assets</b>					
Land	\$ 668,283	\$ 108	380		\$ 668,771
Construction in Progress	17,757	(9,406)			8,351
Land Use Rights	19,466				19,466
Total Non-Depreciable Assets	<u>705,506</u>	<u>(9,298)</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>696,588</u>
<b>Depreciable Assets</b>					
Buildings	8,360				8,360
Infrastructure	2,266,519	14,489			2,281,008
Total Depreciable Assets	<u>2,274,879</u>	<u>14,489</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,289,368</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:					
Buildings	(3,757)		(361)		(4,118)
Infrastructure	(279,796)		(54,042)		(333,838)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(283,553)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(54,403)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(337,956)</u>
Depreciable Assets, Net	<u>1,991,326</u>	<u>14,489</u>	<u>(54,403)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,951,412</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 2,696,832</u>	<u>\$ 5,191</u>	<u>\$ (54,023)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 2,648,000</u>

**NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS, INVESTMENTS, AND REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS**

CTTS is authorized by statute to make investments following the “prudent person rule”. CTTS has complied, in all material respects, with statutory authorization, bond documents, constraints and commission policies during the period.

**Deposits**

CTTS had no cash in bank as of Aug. 31, 2017.

**Treasury Pool**

CTTS holds certain reserves in the state Treasury. All monies are pooled with other state funds and invested under the direction of the Comptroller of Public Accounts Treasury Operations Division (Treasury). CTTS’s deposits in the state treasury totaled \$92.8 million at Aug. 31, 2017.

The Treasury obtains direct access to the services of the Federal Reserve System through the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company (Trust Company). The Federal Reserve Bank requires that the Trust Company maintain a positive cash balance in the account during and at the end of the day. The Trust Company met those requirements throughout fiscal 2017. The Comptroller has delegated investment authority to the Trust Company and utilizes the Trust Company to manage and invest funds in the Treasury Pool.

State statutes authorize the Treasury to invest state funds in fully collateralized time deposits; direct security repurchase agreements; reverse repurchase agreements; obligations of the United States and its agencies and instrumentalities; banker’s acceptances; commercial paper; and contracts written by the Comptroller, which are commonly known as covered call options. Funds held in the treasury pool have not been categorized as to credit risk because CTTS does not own individual securities. Details on the nature of these deposits and investments are available within the state of Texas Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

**Investments**

**Measurement**

CTTS categorizes its measurement of investments based on generally accepted accounting principles. The reported value by investment type of CTTS’s investments as of Aug. 31, 2017 is summarized below:

<b>Investment Valuation</b>	
August 31, 2017 (Amounts in Thousands)	
<b>Investment Type</b>	
Money Market Mutual Funds	\$ 3,303
Government Securities	38,222
Government Sponsored Entities	63,720
Government Investment Pools	303,388
Repurchase Agreements	114,999
Total Investments	<u>\$ 523,632</u>

Below is more detail regarding the measurement of CTTS's investments as of Aug. 31, 2017.

- CTTS had investments in money market funds, government securities, government sponsored entities and government investment pools of \$409 million with maturities less than one year valued at amortized cost.
- CTTS entered into a repurchase agreement of \$115 million in August 2002 with U.S. government and agency securities. Collateral for the repurchase agreement is held by the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company (the trustee bank) with the underlying securities being the property of the Citigroup Global Markets Inc. (the direct counterparty), held in trust for CTTS. CTTS can direct the trustee bank to designate repurchase dates on any business day on or before the final repurchase date in August 2022. The agreement is measured at cost.

#### *Custodial Credit Risk - Investments*

Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Commission will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Commission's investment policy states that all securities purchased by the Commission shall be designated as assets of the Commission and shall be protected through the use of a third-party custody/safekeeping agent, which may be a Trustee.

The repurchase agreement is collateralized with U.S. government and agency securities. Collateral for the repurchase agreement is held by the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company with the underlying securities being the property of the Citigroup Global Markets Inc. (the direct counterparty), held in trust for the Commission. As of Aug. 31, 2017, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. is rated A2, A+ and A+ by Moody's, Standard and Poor's (S & P) and Fitch Ratings respectively.

#### *Credit Risk - Investments*

Direct credit risk for investments is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The investment policy prohibits the Commission from entering into long-term investment agreements or other ongoing investment transactions with a final maturity or termination date of longer than six months with any financial institution that initially has a long-term rating category of less than "A" and that does not have at least one long-term rating of at least "AA" by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSRO). All investments made by the Commission have been made through a firm on the then-current list of qualified financial institutions approved by the Commission.

The Commission's policy does not limit the amount of investment in obligations of the United States or its agencies. The repurchase agreement is a guaranteed investment contract (GIC) with Citigroup Global Markets Inc. as the counterparty. In addition, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. has collateralized the GIC with U.S. government and agency securities.

As of Aug. 31, 2017, CTTS' investments had the following ratings:

Investment Credit Ratings					
August 31, 2017					
Investment Type	Valuation	Standard			
		Moody's	& Poor's	Fitch	
Money Market Mutual Funds:					
JPMorgan US Government Fund	\$ 2,309	Aaa-mf	NR	AAAmf	
Morgan Stanley Government Fund	994	NR	AAAm	AAAmf	
Government Securities:					
U.S. Treasury Notes	18,261	Aaa	AA+	AAA	
U.S. Treasury Bills	19,961	NR	A-1+	NR	
Government Sponsored Entities:					
Federal Home Loan Bank Discount Note	9,988	P-1	A-1+	NR	
Freddie Mac Discount Note	53,732	P-1	A-1+	F1+	
Government Investment Pools:					
Lone Star	67,862	NR	AAAm	NR	
TexPool	147,248	NR	AAAm	NR	
TexPool Prime	88,278	NR	AAAm	NR	
Repurchase Agreement	114,999	A2	A+	A+	
Total	\$ <u>523,632</u>				

NR= Not Rated

#### *Concentration of Credit Risk*

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. Assets held shall be diversified to eliminate the risk of loss resulting from over-concentration of assets in a specific maturity, a specific issuer or a specific class of securities. As of Aug. 31, 2017, the following investments exceeded five percent of the total portfolio: Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Lone Star, TexPool, TexPool Prime and the repurchase agreement with Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

The Commission addresses diversification in the Commission's Investment Policy. Diversification strategies shall be determined and revised periodically by the investment officer.

#### *Interest Rate Risk*

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Commission has addressed interest rate risk in its various accounts by matching as closely as possible anticipated cash flows with income and return of principal on investments. In general, all securities held by the Commission are anticipated to be held to maturity, thereby avoiding interest rate risk due to an early redemption.

**NOTE 4 - SUMMARY OF LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

As of Aug. 31, 2017, CTTS had five bond issues outstanding. Additional detail is provided in the sections that follow. As detailed below, the following changes occurred in long-term liabilities during the year ended Aug. 31, 2017.

Changes in Bonds Payable							
For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2017 (Amounts in Thousands)							
	Bonds Outstanding 08/31/2016	Adjustments*	Bonds Issued**	Bonds Matured or Retired	Bonds Refunded or Extinguished	Bonds Outstanding 08/31/2017	Due Within One Year
Revenue Bonds Payable	\$ 2,958,663	\$ (12,167)	\$ 30,198	\$ (7,885)	\$	\$ 2,968,809	\$ 26,391
Total	\$ <u>2,958,663</u>	\$ <u>(12,167)</u>	\$ <u>30,198</u>	\$ <u>(7,885)</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>2,968,809</u>	\$ <u>26,391</u>

\*Includes current year amortization of premiums and discounts.  
 \*\* Includes current year amortization of accretion.

**NOTE 5 – BONDED INDEBTEDNESS**

**Revenue Bonds**

Transportation Code, Chapter 228 Subchapter C authorized the Commission to issue revenue bonds to pay a portion of the costs of planning, designing, engineering, developing and constructing the initial phase of CTTS. The bond obligations are payable from and secured solely by a first lien on and pledge of the trust estate consisting of all project revenues and all project earnings including investment earnings deposited into the revenue fund, construction fund (except for any amounts held in a sub-account containing monies derived from the state highway fund or any monies received by the Commission that are restricted to another use), the debt service fund, the debt service reserve fund, the rate stabilization fund, and the general reserve fund.

Miscellaneous Bond Information							
(Amounts in Thousands)							
Description of Issue	Bonds Issued to Date	Date Issued	Range of Interest Rates	Maturities			
				First Year	Last Year	First Call Date	
First Tier Revenue Bonds Series 2002-A							
Non-Callable Capital Appreciation Bonds*	\$ 626,303	8/29/2002	4.47% 5.75%	2012	2030	n/a	
First Tier Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012-A	585,330	11/27/2012	4.00% 5.00%	2038	2041	8/15/2022	
First Tier Revenue Refunding Put Bonds, Series 2015-A	225,000	2/4/2015	5.00% 5.00%	2041	2042	4/1/2020	
First Tier Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015-B	198,025	2/4/2015	5.00% 5.00%	2032	2037	8/15/2024	
First Tier Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015-B, Capital Appreciation Bonds	103,527	2/4/2015	4.36% 4.38%	2036	2037	8/15/2024	
Second Tier Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015-C	1,157,320	2/4/2015	5.00% 5.00%	2022	2042	8/15/2024	
Total	\$ <u>2,895,505</u>						

\* Bonds issued to date include interest accreted to principal.

Neither the state, Commission, TxDOT nor any other agency or political subdivision of the state is obligated to pay the principal, premium, discount or interest on the CTTS revenue bond obligations except from the trust estate. The bond indenture does not create a mortgage on the CTTS. Debt service requirements for the First Tier Revenue Bonds as of Aug. 31, 2017, are detailed in the following table.

Debt Service Requirements - Revenue Bonds (Amounts in Thousands)			
Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 14,225	\$ 107,051	\$ 121,276
2019	20,365	107,051	127,416
2020	26,715	107,051	133,766
2021	36,480	107,051	143,531
2022	45,350	107,051	152,401
2023-2027	375,785	530,618	906,403
2028-2032	598,145	509,408	1,107,553
2033-2037	882,440	370,910	1,253,350
2038-2042	1,163,635	178,862	1,342,497
	3,163,140	2,125,053	5,288,193
Unamortized Accretion	(423,714)		(423,714)
Unamortized Premium	229,383		229,383
Total	\$ 2,968,809	\$ 2,125,053	\$ 5,093,862

#### *Pledged Future Revenues*

Pledged revenues are those specific revenues that are formally committed to directly secure the payment of bond debt service. The table below provides information on pledged revenue and pledged future revenue of the CTTS revenue bonds.

Pledged Future Revenue (Amounts in Thousands)	
Pledged Revenue Required for Future Principal and Interest on Existing Bonds	\$ 5,288,193
Term of Commitment, Ending:	8/15/2042
Percentage of Revenue Pledged	99.04%
Current Year Pledged Revenue	\$ 208,102
Current Year Principal and Interest Paid	\$ 114,936

#### **Put Bonds**

In February 2015, the Commission issued the Central Texas Turnpike System Series 2015-A refunding put bonds. The proceeds were used to refund a portion of the CTTS Series 2002-A capital appreciation bonds and the CTTS Series 2012-B put bonds. The Series 2015-A bonds were issued in a multiannual mode which terminates on the mandatory tender date of April 1, 2020. At the termination of the initial multiannual period, the Series 2015-A bonds are subject to mandatory tender and purchase. Upon such mandatory tender and purchase, the Series 2015-A bonds are expected to be remarketed unless otherwise redeemed.

The Commission has not provided any credit or liquidity facility for the payment of the purchase price of the bonds payable upon the mandatory tender date. The principal portion of the purchase price for the bonds is expected to be obtained from the remarketing proceeds. The obligation of the Commission to purchase the bonds on the mandatory tender date is

subject to the successful remarketing of such bonds. The Commission has no obligation to purchase bonds except from remarketing proceeds.

If the bonds are not remarketed, the interest rate on the bonds will be increased to the stepped coupon rate of 8 percent per annum. The impact of such a rate change to the debt service payments on the bonds is disclosed below.

Put Bonds (Amounts in Thousands)					
Description of Issue	Mandatory Tender Date	Initial Rate	Initial Period Interest	Stepped Coupon Rate	Stepped Rate Period Interest**
Central Texas Turnpike System First Tier Revenue Put Bonds, Series 2015-A	4/1/2020	5.00% per annum*	\$11,250	8.00% per annum	\$18,000
*Multiannual Mode					
**Assumes a full year of interest					

#### Defeased Bonds

The Commission has defeased various bond issues by placing funds in irrevocable trusts with external financial institutions to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. As of Aug. 31, 2017, the amount of CTTS defeased bonds that remain outstanding are presented in the table below.

Defeased Bonds Outstanding (Amounts in Thousands)	
Description	Par Value
Revenue Bonds	
Central Texas Turnpike System Capital Appreciation Bonds	\$ <u>80,375</u> *
Total	\$ <u><u>80,375</u></u>
* Includes \$44,233 of accreted interest.	

***NOTE 6 - EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLANS***

CTTS, an enterprise fund of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is part of TxDOT's reporting entity. CTTS does not have any employees and does not make contributions to any retirement plans. TxDOT employees provide all accounting and administrative services for CTTS. Those employees are members of the Employee Retirement System of Texas defined benefit pension plan (ERS Plan). CTTS is not obligated in any form for the funding of the pension benefits provided by the ERS Plan. Allocation of the pension liabilities and expense for CTTS is deemed unnecessary and not required.

The ERS Plan is considered a single employer defined benefit plan under GASB Statement 68. The defined benefit provisions of the ERS Plan are authorized by state law and may be amended by the Legislature. The details of the pension plans are disclosed in TxDOT's Note 8, Employees' Retirement Plan.

***NOTE 7 – TRANSFERS and DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS***

Interfund transfers represent the flow of assets (cash or goods) between funds. The state highway fund transferred in capital assets totaling \$5.2 million in fiscal 2017, mostly comprised of preliminary work on the SH 130 expansion project.

Due From Other Funds at the end of fiscal 2017 totaled \$1.3 million, representing amounts due from the State Highway Fund for the Veterans Waiver and Truck Discount programs.

***NOTE 8 – CONTINUANCE SUBJECT TO REVIEW***

TxDOT is currently subject to a continuance review. Under the Texas Sunset Act, TxDOT will be abolished effective Sept. 1, 2029, unless continued in existence by the 91<sup>st</sup> Legislature as provided by the Act. If abolished, TxDOT may continue until Sept. 1, 2030 to wind down its operations. In the event that TxDOT is abolished pursuant to the Texas Sunset Act or other law, Texas Government Code, Section 325.017(f), acknowledges that such action will not alter the obligation of the state to pay bonded indebtedness and all other obligations of the abolished agency.

## ***NOTE 9 – COMMITMENTS & CONTINGENCIES***

### ***Arbitrage***

Arbitrage earnings, defined as earnings on tax exempt bond proceeds in excess of the yield on the bonds, must be repaid to the federal government per Internal Revenue Code Section 148(f) (IRC §148). Pursuant to the Indenture of Trust, a Rebate Fund will be established under the Indenture to which deposits will be made upon the determination by a verification agent that a rebate payment may be due pursuant to IRC §148.

Per IRC §148, the amount of rebate due the federal government is determined and payable at the end of each five-year computation period and upon final payment of the tax exempt bonds. For Series 2002-A and Series 2002 BANs, an interim determination was made in 2007 that no arbitrage rebate was then due to the federal government. For Series 2009 bonds, which were completely refunded, a determination was made in 2013 that no arbitrage rebate was due. Further analysis and determination of rebate payments due, if any, will be made on the next scheduled computation date for each series of bonds under the Indenture.

### ***Lawsuits and Claims***

CTTS is contingently liable in respect to lawsuits and claims in the ordinary course of business which, in the opinion of TxDOT's management, will not have a material adverse effect on the financial statements.

## ***NOTE 10 - RISK FINANCING & RELATED INSURANCE***

The Central Texas Turnpike System is a toll system financed by the Texas Transportation Commission and owned and operated by TxDOT. CTTS does not have any employees. TxDOT provides all accounting, debt financing and administrative services.

TxDOT is exposed to a wide range of risks due to the size, scope and nature of its activities. Some of these risks include, but are not limited to, property and casualty losses, workers' compensation and health benefit claims, theft, damage of assets, etc. CTTS self-insures through funds on deposit within the Rate Stabilization Fund. The amount of funds held on deposit in the rate stabilization fund for self-insurance has been certified as actuarially sound by AMI Risk Consultants, Inc. To date, CTTS has not had to draw upon the funds in the rate stabilization fund to settle any claims and therefore settlements have not exceeded self-insurance coverage.

During fiscal 2017, the Texas Transportation Commission acquired a Not-for-Profit Entity and Directors & Officers Liability Insurance Policy Including Employment Practices Claims Coverage in connection with the CTTS.





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