



Audit Committee  
Capitol Region Council of Governments  
Hartford, Connecticut

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Capitol Region Council of Governments as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated November 20, 2023. We have previously communicated to you information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards*, Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and the Connecticut State Single Audit Act (State Single Audit), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit in our planning communication dated July 25, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### **Significant audit findings or issues**

#### ***Qualitative aspects of accounting practices***

##### *Accounting policies*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Capitol Region Council of Governments are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The entity changed accounting policies related to Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements by adopting Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB Statement) No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, in 2023. Accordingly, the accounting change has been applied to the beginning of the period of adoption.

We noted no transactions entered into by the entity during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

##### *Accounting estimates*

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were:

- Management's estimate of the useful lives of governmental activities capital assets, which is used in computing depreciation and amortization in the government-wide financial statement. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the useful lives in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

**Financial statement disclosures**

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. There were no particularly sensitive financial statement disclosures.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

***Significant unusual transactions***

We identified no significant unusual transactions.

***Difficulties encountered in performing the audit***

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

***Uncorrected misstatements***

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management did not identify and we did not notify them of any uncorrected financial statement misstatements.

***Corrected misstatements***

Management did not identify and we did not notify them of any financial statement misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures.

***Disagreements with management***

For purposes of this communication, a disagreement with management is a disagreement on a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. No such disagreements arose during our audit.

***Circumstances that affect the form and content of the auditors' report***

The report was modified to add an emphasis of matter paragraph related to adoption of new accounting guidance related to subscription-based information technology arrangements. The guidance requires the entity to recognize a right-to-use subscription asset and corresponding subscription liability for all arrangements with contract terms greater than twelve months.

The indirect cost rate report was modified to add an emphasis of matter paragraph related to the basis of accounting used in indirect cost rate calculation. The schedule was prepared by CRCOG on the basis of accounting prescribed by Subpart E Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Management representations***

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated November 20, 2023.

***Management consultations with other independent accountants***

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the entity’s financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors’ opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants. We were informed by management that there were no consultations with other accountants.

***Significant issues discussed with management prior to engagement***

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to engagement as the entity’s auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our engagement.

**Required supplementary information**

With respect to the required supplementary information (RSI) accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the RSI, including whether the RSI has been measured and presented in accordance with prescribed guidelines, whether the methods of measurement and preparation have been changed from the prior period and the reasons for any such changes, and whether there were any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the RSI. We compared the RSI for consistency with management’s responses to the foregoing inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge obtained during the audit of the basic financial statements. Because these limited procedures do not provide sufficient evidence, we did not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

**Supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole**

With respect to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA) and schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance (SESFA) accompanying the financial statements, on which we were engaged to report in relation to the financial statements as a whole, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the SEFA and the SESFA to determine that the SEFA and the SESFA comply with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit, respectively, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period or the reasons for such changes, and the SEFA and the SESFA are appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the SEFA and the SESFA to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves. We have issued our report thereon dated November 20, 2023.

With respect to the combining nonmajor fund financial statements, the indirect rate calculation and the schedule of sources and uses – local assessments (collectively, the supplementary information) accompanying the financial statements, on which we were engaged to report in relation to the financial statements as a whole, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period or the reasons for such changes, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves. We have issued our report thereon dated November 20, 2023.

The Financial Summary for the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation accompanying the financial statements, which is the responsibility of management, was prepared for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and, accordingly, we did not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Audit Committee and management of the Capitol Region Council of Governments and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

West Hartford, Connecticut  
November 20, 2023