

**HARRIS COUNTY  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**

**SINGLE AUDIT REPORT**

**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014**



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S 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**

To the Board of Directors  
Harris County Improvement District No. 1  
Houston, Texas

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Harris County Improvement District No. 1’s (the “District”) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 14, 2014.

***Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District’s internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity’s financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

***Purpose of this Report***

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Whitley Penn LLP*

Houston, Texas  
November 14, 2014

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY *OMB CIRCULAR A-133***

To the Board of Trustees  
Harris County Improvement District No. 1  
Houston, Texas

***Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited Harris County Improvement District No. 1’s (the “District”) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District’s major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2014. The District’s major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

***Management’s Responsibility***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

***Auditor’s Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the District’s major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District’s compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District’s compliance.

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***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

In our opinion, Harris County Improvement District No. 1 complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2014.

***Report on Internal Control Over Compliance***

Management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

***Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133***

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated November 14, 2014 which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived

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from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*Whitley Penn LLP*

Houston, Texas  
November 14, 2014

**HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
*For the Year Ended June 30, 2014*

**I. Summary of Auditors' Results**

**Financial Statements**

Type of auditors' report issued	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weakness (es) identified?	No
Significant deficiency (ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	None reported
Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?	No

**Federal Awards**

Internal controls over major programs:	
Material weakness (es) identified?	No
Significant deficiency (ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	None reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section .510(a) of OMB Circular A-133	None

Identification of Major Programs:

<b>Name of Federal Program</b>	<b>CFDA Number</b>
<b>Federal Transit Administration</b>	
Federal Transit Cluster	
Federal Transit – Capital Investment Grants	20.500
Federal Transit – Formula Grants	20.507
Dollar Threshold Considered Between Type A and Type B Federal Programs	\$300,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	Yes

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (continued)**  
***For the Year Ended June 30, 2014***

**II. Financial Statement Findings**

No current year findings.

**III. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

No current year findings.

**IV. Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings**

No prior year findings.

**HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
*For the Year Ended June 30, 2014*

<u>Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor/ Program Title</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Grantor Number</u>	<u>Federal Grant Expenditures</u>
<b>Department of Transportation</b>			
<b>Federal Transit Cluster:</b>			
<i>Federal Transit Capital Investment Grants - Intermodal Transit Terminal</i>	20.500	TX-04-0029-02	\$ 1,569,847
<i>Federal Transit Formula Grants - Pedestrian/Transit Improvement Program</i>	20.507	TX-95-X005-03	1,773,059
<b>Total Department of Transportation</b>			<u>3,342,906</u>
<b>Total Federal Awards</b>			<u>\$ 3,342,906</u>

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*NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS*

**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The District accounts for federal funding using the modified accrual method of accounting. This basis of accounting recognizes revenues in the accounting period in which they become susceptible to accrual, i.e. both measurable and available, and expenditures in the accounting period in which the liability is incurred, if measurable, except for compensated absences, claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. Capital items for grant purposes are treated as expenses in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

Federal grant funds are considered to be earned to the extent of expenditures made under the provisions of the grant, and, accordingly, when such funds are received, they are recorded as deferred revenues until earned. Generally, unused balances are returned to the grantor at the close of specified project periods.

**Note 2 - Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal grant activity of the District under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2014. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Government, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets or cash flows of the District.