

**CAPE MAY COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION**  
**REPORT ON AUDIT**  
**OF BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**CAPE MAY COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION**  
**COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**  
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**FINANCIAL SECTION**



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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Cape May County Bridge Commission  
Cape May Court House, New Jersey

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Cape May County Bridge Commission (a component unit of the County of Cape May) in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, as of the year ended December 31, 2014 and for the three month period ended December 31, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission'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 the 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 the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## **Opinions**

In our opinion the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities of the Cape May County Bridge Commission (a component unit of the County of Cape May) in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the changes in financial position and, cash flows for the year and the period then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *management's discussion and analysis* identified in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the 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 Supplementary Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Cape May County Bridge Commission's basic financial statements. The Other Supplementary Information, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Other Supplementary Information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic 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 Other Supplementary Information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *government auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 17, 2015 on our consideration of the Cape May County Bridge Commission'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 Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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**July 17, 2015**

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of the Cape May County Bridge Commission ("Commission") provides an introduction to the major activities affecting the operations of the Commission's toll bridges. The MD&A also provides an introduction and overview to the financial performance and statements of the Commission for the year ended December 31, 2014 the three month period ended December 31, 2013 and fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. The information contained in the MD&A should be considered in conjunction with the Commission's financial statements beginning on page 12.

The Commission passed a resolution on May 16 2013, to change from a fiscal year to a calendar year reporting basis, effective January 1, 2014 in order to coincide with the County of Cape May's reporting year. The Commission's financial statements, for the three month period ended December 31, 2013 are necessary to effectively bridge the gap from September 30, 2013 to the new calendar year reporting basis. Due to this change, the current year financial statements are not comparable to the prior period due to only being a three month period of activity.

The Commission's basic financial statements comprise two components: 1) proprietary fund basic financial statements, and 2) notes to those basic financial statements, which are essential to a full understanding of the data contained in the basic financial statements. The supplementary information following the basic financial statements and notes thereto contains detailed and separate information pertaining to the commission's operations.

Regarding supplementary information, of particular note the Commission reports a *Schedule of Operating Revenues and Costs Funded by Operating Revenues Compared to Budget* (Schedule 3). That schedule compares the "actual" revenue and expenses to "budget" revenue and expenses, including operating revenues and expenses, and non-operating revenues and expenses. Principal and Interest are reported in these schedules as expenses, and depreciation is not reported as an expense. This is a departure from the Commission's basic financial statements, prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"), where only the Interest Expense component of debt service is reported as an expense, and where depreciation is also reported as an expense.

The "Budget versus Actual" statement for the Commission's program is a very important tool for staff, as it measures the Commission's financial and operational performance, particularly as it compares to the Annual Budget as adopted by the Commission's Board and approved by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs.

For the purpose of the Management Discussion and Analysis, the ensuing discussion will review the official statements of the Cape May County Bridge Commission, those prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") applicable to enterprise or proprietary funds of state and local governments. These are the Commission's basic financial statements discussed above.

### **Bridges**

The Commission operates five toll bridges. The Middle Thorofare Bridge is located between Cape May and Wildwood Crest in Cold Spring. The Grassy Sound Bridge is located between North Wildwood and Stone Harbor. The Townsends Inlet Bridge is located between Avalon and Sea Isle City. The Corson's Inlet Bridge is located in Strathmere at the south end of Ocean City. And the Ocean City Longport Bridge is located at the north end of Ocean City.

**Toll Revenue/Structure**

Tolls at the five bridges are collected in only one direction with the opposite side being toll free.

The following chart depicts the classes of tolls for one-way toll bridges.

Class 1. Passanger cars, pick up trucks, school buses, motorcycles	\$	1.50
Class 1. using discount tickets \$60.00/50 Tickets	1 ticket/crossing	
Class 1. w with one axle trailer	o cash or three discount tickets	2.25
Class 1. with two axle trailer	cash or four discount tickets	3.00
Class 1. with three or more axle trailer	cash or five discount tickets	3.75
Class 2. Two axle six tire trucks and buses		3.75
Class 2. with one axle trailer		6.00
Class 2. with two axle trailer		8.25
Class 2. with three or more axle trailer		10.50
Class 3. Three axle trucks		6.00
Class 3. with one axle trailer		8.25
Class 3. with two axle trailer		10.50
Class 3. with three or more axle trailer		12.75
Class 4. Trucks with four or more axles		10.50
Class 4. with all trailers		16.50

Each year, the Grassy Sound Bridge will be closed for toll collection from about October 15 and will reopen to collect tolls around May 15. Closing Grassy Sound Bridge to toll collection has reduced operating expenses. It has also been a cost savings to close bridges for toll collection from midnight to 6:00 A.M. on several bridges. In addition, The Corsons Inlet Bridge is closed from about November 1 and will reopen to collect tolls on or around March 15 in and additional cost saving measure.

One-way tolls have led to a reduction in operating costs and reduced the number of employees required. The second bridge to use a "one-way" toll is Middle Thorofare, beginning on May 15, 2003, which again reduced the need for extra employees and reduced expenses. It has also become easier and more convenient for the motoring public to pass through a tollbooth plaza without stopping to pay the toll when traveling in the opposite direction.

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The following chart shows toll revenue for the year ended December 31, 2014, for the three month period ended December 31, 2013 and the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 by Bridge:

<u>Bridge</u>	<u>Year Ended Dec. 31, 2014</u>	<u>Three Month Period Ended Dec. 31, 2013</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Ended Sept. 30, 2013</u>
Middle Thorofare	\$ 854,309	\$ 124,250	\$ 839,562
Grassy Sound	259,700	17,015	257,794
Townsend's Inlet	434,408	51,875	433,333
Corsons Inlet	410,248	40,485	414,051
Ocean City Longport	811,277	142,274	864,220
Office Ticket Sales	7,319	1,241	13,062
Miscellaneous	7,539	-	-
<b>Total Toll Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,784,798</b>	<b>\$ 377,140</b>	<b>\$ 2,822,022</b>

The above revenues are not comparable due to the commission changing to a calendar year in 2013. The prior year is based on a three month period of activity.

Traffic for the Commission's bridges for the year ended December 31, 2014, the three month period ending December 31, 2013 and fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 is as follows.

<u>Bridge</u>	<u>Year Ended Dec. 31, 2014</u>	<u>Three Month Period Ended Dec. 31, 2013</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Ended Sept. 30, 2013</u>
Middle Thorofare	581,229	81,374	584,729
Grassy Sound	178,683	10,340	176,384
Townsend's Inlet	298,664	34,712	300,004
Corsons Inlet	275,072	24,954	279,669
Ocean City Longport	555,882	94,683	590,084
<b>Total Traffic</b>	<b>1,889,530</b>	<b>246,063</b>	<b>1,930,870</b>

Traffic is counted in only one direction, that is to say, the traffic is counted only in the direction of toll collection.

## Required Financial Statements

The Basic Financial Statements of the Commission report information about the Commission using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies, consistent with New Jersey statutes. Specifically, the financial statements are prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles promulgated by GASB. Accordingly, the Commission recognizes revenues when earned, not received. Expenses are recognized when incurred, not when they are paid.

The *Comparative Statement of Net position*, the first required statement, and *Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position*, the second required statement, report information about the Commission's financial condition. The Commission's Net Position, i.e., the difference between assets and liabilities, are a measure of financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Commission's Net Position is one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. Net Position increases both when revenues exceed expenses and when the Commission's assets increase without a corresponding increase to the Commission's liabilities. It is important to point out depreciation expense's negative impact on Net Position. Depreciation decreases the Commission's Net Position even though it is a non-cash expense.

The third and final required financial statement, the *Statement of Cash Flows*, provides information about the Commission's cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operations, investing, and capital and non-capital financing activities. It also provides information regarding sources of cash, uses of cash, and the changes in the cash balance during the reporting period.

## Financial Analysis

Table 1  
Condensed Statement of Net Position

	Year Ended Dec. 31, 2014	Three Month Period Ended Dec. 31, 2013	Fiscal Year Ended Sept. 30, 2013
Current Assets	\$ 725,447	\$ 1,007,137	\$ 1,502,430
Restricted Assets	1,232,595	1,259,873	1,188,789
Capital Assets, Net	50,816,933	50,141,081	50,540,756
Deferred Outflow of Resources	1,469,626	1,560,476	1,583,188
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 54,244,601</b>	<b>\$ 53,968,567</b>	<b>\$ 54,815,163</b>
Current Nonrestricted Liabilities	\$ 58,578	\$ 333,006	\$ 299,354
Current Restricted Liabilities	614,073	642,237	762,613
Long Term Liabilities	16,602,729	15,442,472	15,454,511
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>17,275,380</b>	<b>16,417,715</b>	<b>16,516,478</b>
Net Position:			
Investment in Capital Assets	37,435,310	36,247,899	36,663,453
Restricted	57,217	153,716	166,755
Unrestricted	(523,306)	1,149,237	1,468,477
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>36,969,221</b>	<b>37,550,852</b>	<b>38,298,685</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 54,244,601</b>	<b>\$ 53,968,567</b>	<b>\$ 54,815,163</b>

## Analysis of Net Position

The Commission's total Net Position exceeded its total assets less liabilities at the end of December 31, 2014, by approximately to \$37 million. The deficit in unrestricted net assets is due to the net OPEB obligation at year end. Restricted Net Position of \$57 thousand represents bond proceeds set aside for various structural repairs and rehabilitation of Commission bridges.

Table 2  
Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

	Year Ended Dec. 31, 2014	Three Month Period Ended Dec. 31, 2013	Fiscal Year Ended Sept. 30, 2013
Operating Revenues:			
Toll Revenue	\$ 2,784,798	\$ 377,139	\$ 2,822,023
Other	13,284	643	52,934
Total Operating Revenues	<u>2,798,082</u>	<u>377,782</u>	<u>2,874,957</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Operating Appropriations	2,870,817	677,893	3,043,406
Bond Proceeds Expended and not Capitalized	96,499	13,039	24,968
Depreciation	1,681,771	399,675	1,603,082
Other post employment benefits	1,738,403	19,360	72,984
Total Operating Expenses	<u>6,387,490</u>	<u>1,109,967</u>	<u>4,744,440</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	(3,589,408)	(732,185)	(1,869,483)
Nonoperating Revenue (Expense):			
County reimbursement for Debt Service	1,041,231	119,302	1,119,573
Interest Income	802	230	908
Interest Expense	(466,231)	(119,302)	(489,573)
Capital Assets	2,357,623	-	-
Cancellation of PY Accounts Payable	234,913	-	-
Miscellaneous	(97,121)	-	(817)
Amortization of Bond Premium	27,409	6,833	31,421
Deferred amount on refunding	(90,849)	(22,712)	(90,849)
Total Nonoperating Revenue (Expense)	<u>3,007,777</u>	<u>(15,649)</u>	<u>570,663</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in Net Position	(581,631)	(747,834)	(1,298,820)
Net Position, Beginning of year as Restated	<u>37,550,852</u>	<u>38,298,686</u>	<u>39,597,506</u>
Total Net Position, End of Year	<u>\$ 36,969,221</u>	<u>\$ 37,550,852</u>	<u>\$ 38,298,686</u>

## Analysis of Changes in Net Position

The Commission ended the year ending December 31, 2014 with a loss from operations of \$3,589,408. The total Operating loss of \$3,589,408 includes \$1,681,771 in depreciation of assets. Total Net Position shows \$36,969,221.

## Commission-Wide Expenses

Operating Appropriations (part of Total Operating Expenses) were \$2,870,817. A selected detailed analysis of operating expenses follows:

- Personnel salaries and expenses (including medical insurance) were \$2,491,400 for the year ended December 31, 2014.
- Operations and maintenance expenses were \$199,268 for the year ended December 31, 2014. The largest area impacting operations and maintenance expenses \$119,052 for insurance.
- Depreciation expense was \$1,681,771 for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Non-operating revenues and expenses are highlighted for the year ended December 31, 2014, as follows:

- Interest expense was \$466,231.26 for the year.
- The county reimbursement for debt service was \$1,041,231.20 for the year. The County reimbursement is directly related to the amount of debt service payments made in the year.

Table 3  
Condensed Statement of Cash Flows

	Year Ended Dec. 31, 2014	Three Month Period Ended Dec. 31, 2013	Fiscal Year Ended Sept. 30, 2013
Cash Flows Provided by (Used in):			
Operating Activities	\$ (439,250)	\$ (427,405)	\$ (123,315)
Capital and Related Financing Activities	0	568,178	(450,868)
Investing Activities	310,554	(112,464)	555,679
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(128,696)	28,309	(18,504)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Period	454,906	426,596	445,100
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$ 326,210</u>	<u>\$ 454,906</u>	<u>\$ 426,596</u>

## Analysis of Cash Flows

The Commission made all of its debt service payments on time and in the required amounts. The County of Cape May reimburses the Bridge Commission for payment of debt service.

Of the \$326,210 in cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2014, \$313,133 was available for operations and current obligations.

### **Contacting the Commission's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide the Cape May County Bridge Commission's board members, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Commission's finances and to show the Commission's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Commission's Executive Director at the Cape May County Bridge Commission, 4 Moore Road, Cape May Court House NJ 08210, telephone 609-465-6871.

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**CAPE MAY COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION**  
**STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION**  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>2013</u></b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 303,539.82	441,835.22
Investments	128,437.40	401,311.18
Accounts Receivable	552.43	523.06
Inventory Asset	89.99	-
Due from County of Cape May	37,938.01	39,767.18
Prepaid Insurance	254,889.40	123,700.70
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<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>725,447.05</b>	<b>1,007,137.34</b>
<b>NONCURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Restricted Assets		
Construction Account:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	13,076.24	13,070.35
Investments	323,238.38	419,686.44
Bond Service Account:		
Investments	896,279.92	827,116.47
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<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED ASSETS</b>	<b>1,232,594.54</b>	<b>1,259,873.26</b>
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS:</b>		
Construction in Progress	6,581,976.17	4,229,653.17
Capital Assets being Depreciated	69,409,628.66	69,429,452.18
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(25,174,671.98)	(23,518,024.10)
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<b>NET PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>50,816,932.85</b>	<b>50,141,081.25</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES:</b>		
Deferred Amount on Refunding	1,469,626.12	1,560,475.58
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<b>TOTAL OTHER ASSETS</b>	<b>1,469,626.12</b>	<b>1,560,475.58</b>
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 54,244,600.56</b>	<b>53,968,567.43</b>
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The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements  
are an integral part of this statement

**CAPE MAY COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION**  
**STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION**  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**  
**(CONTINUED)**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES PAYABLE FROM UNRESTRICTED ASSETS:		
Accounts Payable - Operations	\$ 58,577.99	333,006.02
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES PAYABLE FROM UNRESTRICTED ASSETS	<u>58,577.99</u>	<u>333,006.02</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES PAYABLE FROM RESTRICTED ASSETS:		
Accounts Payable	1,135.00	1,135.00
Accrued Interest Payable	37,938.02	39,767.19
Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt (Net of current portion of Unamortized Bond Premium of \$27,488.77)	<u>575,000.00</u>	<u>601,335.11</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES PAYABLE FROM RESTRICTED ASSETS	<u>614,073.02</u>	<u>642,237.30</u>
LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS:		
Accrued compensated Absences	232,747.47	234,820.66
Net OPEB Obligations	2,093,732.00	355,329.00
Long Term Portion of Bonds Payable (Net of Unamortized Bond Premium of \$141,249.27)	<u>14,276,249.27</u>	<u>14,852,322.93</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>17,275,379.75</u>	<u>16,417,715.91</u>
<b><u>NET POSITION</u></b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	37,435,309.70	36,247,898.79
Restricted for:		
Capital Projects	57,217.17	153,716.08
Unrestricted	<u>(523,306.06)</u>	<u>1,149,236.65</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>36,969,220.81</u>	<u>37,550,851.52</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	<u>\$ 54,244,600.56</u>	<u>53,968,567.43</u>

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**CAPE MAY COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION**  
**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION**  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**  
**AND THE THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
OPERATING REVENUES:		
Toll revenues	\$ 2,784,798.28	377,139.51
Other income	13,283.55	642.79
	<u>2,798,081.83</u>	<u>377,782.30</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Operating appropriations	2,870,816.57	677,892.98
Bond proceeds expended and not capitalized	96,498.91	13,039.42
Other post-employment benefits	1,738,403.00	19,360.00
Depreciation	1,681,771.40	399,674.59
	<u>6,387,489.88</u>	<u>1,109,966.99</u>
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	<u>(3,589,408.05)</u>	<u>(732,184.69)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):		
Interest Income	802.35	230.21
Miscellaneous	(97,120.53)	-
Cancellation of PY Accounts Payable	234,913.27	-
Interest expense	(466,231.26)	(119,301.56)
County reimbursement for debt service	1,041,231.20	119,301.56
Capital Assets	2,357,623.00	-
Deferred amount on refunding	(90,849.46)	(22,712.37)
Amortization of bond premium	27,408.77	6,832.32
	<u>3,007,777.34</u>	<u>(15,649.84)</u>
Change in net position	(581,630.71)	(747,834.53)
NET POSITION - BEGINNING	<u>37,550,851.52</u>	<u>38,298,686.05</u>
NET POSITION - ENDING	<u>\$ 36,969,220.81</u>	<u>37,550,851.52</u>

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**CAPE MAY COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**  
**AND THE THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Receipts from bridge tolls	\$ 2,784,768.91	378,572.87
Other operating cash receipts	13,283.55	642.79
Payments to employees	(1,333,251.67)	(345,857.69)
Payments to suppliers and vendors	(1,904,050.98)	(460,762.87)
	<u>(439,250.19)</u>	<u>(427,404.90)</u>
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities		
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
County Reimbursement for Debt Service	1,041,231.20	806,781.00
Principal and Interest paid on capital debt	(1,041,231.26)	(238,603.13)
	<u>(0.06)</u>	<u>568,177.87</u>
Net Cash Provided for Capital and Related Financing Activities		
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Interest income	802.35	230.21
Investments matured	300,158.39	(112,694.07)
	<u>300,960.74</u>	<u>(112,463.86)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities		
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(138,289.51)	28,309.11
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JANUARY 1 / SEPTEMBER 30	<u>454,905.57</u>	<u>426,596.46</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, DECEMBER 31	\$ <u><u>316,616.06</u></u>	<u><u>454,905.57</u></u>
<b>RECONCILITATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Operating (Loss)	\$ (\$3,589,408.05)	(732,184.69)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	1,681,771.40	399,674.59
	<u>(1,907,636.65)</u>	<u>(332,510.10)</u>
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Receivables, net	(29.37)	1,433.36
Prepaid expenses	(131,278.69)	(123,700.70)
Accounts and other payables	1,599,694.52	27,372.54
	<u>(439,250.19)</u>	<u>(427,404.90)</u>
	\$ <u><u>(439,250.19)</u></u>	<u><u>(427,404.90)</u></u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements  
are an integral part of this statement

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**CAPE MAY COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION**  
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**1. GENERAL**

The Cape May County Bridge Commission, hereafter referred to as the "Commission," was created by resolution of the Cape May County Freeholders and adopted in 1938. The Commission is a component unit of the County of Cape May. The Commission operates five toll bridges. The Commission collects tolls from users of the bridges.

As a public body, under existing statute, the Commission is exempt from both federal and state taxes.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

**A. Basis of Financial Statements Presentation**

The financial statements of the Commission have been prepared on a full accrual basis in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) applicable to enterprise funds of state and local governments. The GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

**B. Reporting Entity**

The Commission's financial statements include the accounts of all operations of the Commission. The Commission, as a component unit of the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, is financially accountable to the County. As set forth in Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 14, amended by (GASB 61, financial accountability is defined as appointment of a voting majority of the organizations governing body and either the ability to impose will by the primary government or the possibility that the component unit will provide a financial benefit to or impose a financial burden on the primary government. The Commission, as a component unit, issues separate financial statements from the County of Cape May. However, if the County presented its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, these financial statements would be includable with the County's on a blended basis.

The Commission has adopted GASB No. 1 through 66 and related interpretations issued through December 31, 2014. GASB requires certain terminology, format and content, as well as inclusion of management's discussion and analysis supplementary information.

All activities of the Commission are accounted for within a single proprietary (enterprise) fund. Proprietary funds are used to account for operations that are (a) financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**B. Reporting Entity (Continued)**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to the Commission is determined by its measurement focus. The transactions of the Commission are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operations are included on the balance sheet. Net Position (i.e. total assets net of total liabilities) are segregated into "invested in capital assets"; and "restricted" and "unrestricted" components.

**C. Recent Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Effective**

In June 2012, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 68 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27". This statement is effective for fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2014. The provisions of this statement will require significant modifications to the disclosure requirements related to the entity's proportionate share of the cost-sharing defined benefit plans reported at the State of New Jersey level. The impact of this statement on the net position of the entity is not presently determinable.

In November 2013, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 71 "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date-an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68". The provisions of this statement are required to be applied simultaneously with the provisions of Statement 68 which is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2014. The impact of this statement on the net position of the entity is not presently determinable.

**D. Capital Assets**

Property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available.

Depreciation is determined on a straight-line basis for all plant and equipment. Depreciation is provided over the following estimated useful lives:

Bridges	45 Years
Buildings and improvements	45 Years
Machinery and equipment	6 to 20 Years

The cost and accumulated depreciation of all property, plant and equipment retired or otherwise disposed of are removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is included in income.

**E. Budget/Budgetary Control**

An annual budget is prepared each year for the operations of the Cape May County Bridge Commission. The budget is prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Unexpended appropriations for annually budgeted funds lapse at year-end.

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**F. Restricted Accounts**

In accordance with the provisions of the General Bond Resolution dated December 11, 1990, as amended, the Commission has established the following cash and investment accounts for the deposit of all revenues received by the Commission in the priority of the order listed on the following page:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Use for Which Restricted</u>
Revenue	All Revenue received by the Commission	Transfers to various accounts described below
Operating	Operating expenses for a six-month period.	Authorized operating expenses
Bond Service	Amount needed to pay matured principal and interest	Principal and interest on all bonds
Construction Fund	Amount needed to pay the cost of the project	Cost of the project
Cost of Issuance Account	Bond Proceeds and Interest on Investments	Costs and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds
Capitalized Interest Account	Amount needed to pay portion of capitalized interest amount and interest earned on investments	Capitalized interest for 36 months
General	Any excess remaining after all other funds have been satisfied	Can be used for any lawful purpose

**G. Revenues**

Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned and become measurable.

**H. Expenses**

Expenses are recognized on the accrual basis and are recognized in the period incurred, if measurable.

**I. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments**

The Commission's investment practices are governed by New Jersey State Statute 40A:5-15. Statutes authorize the Commission to invest in certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, passbooks, bankers' acceptances, and other available bank investments provided that approved securities are pledged to secure those funds on deposit in an amount equal to the amount of those funds and a maturity date not greater than 12 months from the date of purchase. In addition, the Commission can invest in direct debt securities of the United States or obligations guaranteed by the United States, bonds and other obligations of the local municipality or bonds or obligations of school districts of which the Commission is a part or within which the Commission is located unless such investments are expressly prohibited by law.

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**3. LONG-TERM DEBT**

General Bond Resolution

The Cape May County Bridge Commission adopted a resolution authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds on December 11, 1990, and resolutions supplementing the general bond resolution were adopted by the Commission on February 10, 1998, April 14, 1998 and April 12, 2007.

County Guaranteed Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2009

\$3,780,000 County Guaranteed Revenue Refunding Bonds, dated March 19, 2009, due in annual installments through June 1, 2017 bearing interest at varying rates between 3.0% and 4.0%, payable on the first day of June and December. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2014 is \$1,530,000.

On March 19, 2009, the Commission issued \$3,780,000 principal amount of County Guaranteed Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2009 pursuant to the General Bond Resolution, as amended. The 2009 Revenue Refunding Bonds were issued for the purpose of providing funds to: (a) Currently refund all of the Commission's outstanding County Guaranteed Revenue Bonds, Series 1998, dated April 1, 1998, originally issued in the principal amount of \$7,040,000 maturing on June 1 in each of the years 2010 through and including 2017 on June 1, 2009 (the "Redemption Date") and (b) pay certain costs and expenses incidental to the issuance and delivery of the Series 2009 Bonds.

County Guaranteed Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2009 (Continued)

The unamortized bond premium at December 31, 2014 is \$17,204.21. The unamortized deferred amount on refunding at December 31, 2014 is \$27,760.16. The deferred amount on refunding is amortized over 8.25 years, the life of the bonds, and the amount amortized for the year ended December 31, 2014 was \$10,745.86. The bond premium is amortized using the effective interest method, over the life of the bonds and the amount amortized for the year ended December 31, 2014 was \$10,358.15

County Guaranteed Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012

\$13,460,000 County Guaranteed Revenue Refunding Bonds, dated August 8, 2012, due in annual installments through June 1, 2032 bearing interest at varying rates between 1.5% and 4.0%, payable on the first day of June and December. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2014 is \$13,180,000.

On August 8, 2012, the Commission issued \$13,460,000 principal amount of County Guaranteed Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012 pursuant to the General Bond Resolution, as amended. The 2012 Revenue Refunding Bonds were issued for the purpose of providing funds to: (a) Advance refund all of the Commission's outstanding County Guaranteed Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, dated December 1, 2005, originally issued in the principal amount of \$11,865,000 maturing on June 1 in each of the years 2010 through and including 2032 on June 1, 2015 (the "Redemption Date") and (b) pay certain costs and expenses incidental to the issuance and delivery of the Series 2012 Bonds.

The unamortized bond premium at December 31, 2014 is \$124,045.06. The unamortized deferred amount on refunding at December 31, 2014 is \$1,441,865.96. The deferred amount on refunding is amortized over 20 years, the life of the bonds, and the amount amortized for the year ended December 31, 2014 was \$80,103.60. The bond premium is amortized using the effective interest method, over the life of the bonds and the amount amortized for the year ended December 31, 2014 was \$12,994.45.

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**3. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)**

**SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE FOR PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST FOR SERIAL BONDS ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	595,000.00	455,256.26	1,050,256.26
2016	620,000.00	432,506.26	1,052,506.26
2017	640,000.00	408,806.26	1,048,806.26
2018	685,000.00	192,153.13	877,153.13
2019	715,000.00	178,453.13	893,453.13
2020-2024	3,935,000.00	1,413,096.92	5,348,096.92
2025-2029	4,495,000.00	1,052,471.88	5,547,471.88
2030-2032	3,025,000.00	376,125.00	3,401,125.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,710,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,508,868.84</b>	<b>\$ 19,218,868.84</b>

The following schedule represents the changes in the Long-term Debt:

	<u>Outstanding 12/31/2013</u>	<u>Issues or Additions</u>	<u>Payments or Adjustments</u>	<u>Outstanding 12/31/2014</u>	<u>Amounts Due Within One Year</u>
Bonds Payable	\$ 15,285,000.00	\$ -	\$ 575,000.00	\$ 14,710,000.00	\$ 595,000.00
Compensated Absences	234,820.66	-	2,073.19	232,747.47	
Post-Retirement Benefits Payable	355,329.00	1,738,403.00	-	2,093,732.00	
Unamortized Costs:					
Bond Premiums	168,658.04	-	27,408.77	141,249.27	23,429.73
Deferred Amount on Refunding	(1,560,475.58)	-	(90,849.46)	(1,469,626.12)	(90,849.46)
	<u>\$ 14,483,332.12</u>	<u>\$ 1,738,403.00</u>	<u>\$ 513,632.50</u>	<u>\$ 15,708,102.62</u>	<u>\$ 527,580.27</u>

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**4. CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2014, was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ -	\$	\$	\$ -
Construction in Progress	4,229,653.17	2,352,323.00		6,581,976.17
Total capital assets not being Depreciated	<u>4,229,653.17</u>	<u>2,352,323.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,581,976.17</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Bridges	68,266,203.32	5,300.00		68,271,503.32
Buildings and building improvements	473,890.78			473,890.78
Machinery and Equipment	689,358.08		25,123.52	664,234.56
Total capital assets being depreciated at historical cost	<u>69,429,452.18</u>	<u>5,300.00</u>	<u>25,123.52</u>	<u>69,409,628.66</u>
Less:				
Accumulated depreciation	23,518,024.10	1,681,771.40	25,123.52	25,174,671.98
Total capital assets being depreciated, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>45,911,428.08</u>	<u>(1,676,471.40)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,234,956.68</u>
Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 50,141,081.25</u>	<u>\$ 675,851.60</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 50,816,932.85</u>

**5. PENSION PLAN**

**Plan Descriptions**

All eligible employees are covered by the Public Employees' Retirement System cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan which has been established by state statute and is administered by the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits (Division). According to the State of New Jersey Administrative Code, all obligations of the System will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should the System terminate. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information for the Public Employees Retirement System. This report may be obtained by writing to the Division of Pensions and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625 or the report can be accessed on the internet at (<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrpts.shtml>).

*Public Employees' retirement system (PERS)* - The Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) was established as of January 1, 1955 under provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide retirement, death, and disability, and medical benefits to certain qualified members. The PERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan. Membership is mandatory for substantially all full-time employees of the State of new Jersey or any county, municipality, school district or public agency, provided the employee is not required to be a member of another state-administered retirement system or other state pension fund or local jurisdiction's pension fund.

*Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)* - The Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) was established as of July 1, 2007 under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and

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**5. PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 (N.J.S.A. 43:15C-1 et seq.). The DCRP is a cost sharing multiple employer defined contribution pension fund. The DCRP provides eligible members, and their beneficiaries with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage. Vesting and benefit provisions are established by N. J.S.A. 43:15C-1 et. seq. For the DCRP, members contribute at a uniform rate of 5.5% of their base salary. Employers are required to contribute at a set rate of 3.0% of base salary. The Commission had two employees enrolled in the Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) during the year ended December 31, 2014.

**Vesting and Benefit Provisions**

The vesting and benefit provisions for PERS are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and 43:3B. All benefits vest after eight to ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service. Retirement benefits for age and service are available at age 60 and, under recently enacted legislation are generally determined to be 1/55 of final average salary for each year of service credit. Final average salary equals the average salary for the final three years of service prior to retirement (or highest three years' compensation if other than the final three years). Members may seek early retirement after achieving 25 years service credit, or they may elect deferred retirement after achieving eight to ten years of service credit, in which case benefits would begin the first day of the month after the member attains normal retirement age.

**Funding Policy**

The contribution policy is set by New Jersey State Statutes and contributions are required by active members and contributing employers. Plan members and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. PERS provides for employee contributions of 6.64% of employees' annual compensation. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The actuarially determined contribution includes funding for cost-of-living adjustments, noncontributory death benefits, and post-retirement medical premiums.

For the Public Employees' Retirement System, the Commission contributed \$338,639.24 for the year ended December 31, 2014 and contributed \$35,442.50 and \$141,770.00 for the three month period ending as of December 31, 2013 and fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 respectively.

**6. MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES AND BRIDGES**

The Cape May County Bridge Commission entered into an Interlocal Services Agreement with the County of Cape May whereby the County assumed sole responsibility for the routine maintenance of the Commission's facilities and all the remaining bridges and structures of the Commission.

**7. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS**

**Custodial Credit Risk Related to Deposits** - Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Commission's deposits might not be recovered. Although the Commission does not have a formal policy regarding custodial credit risk, N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et seq. requires that governmental units shall deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act. Of the Commission's bank balance of \$326,209.62 as of December 31, 2014, \$0 was uninsured and uncollateralized.

**Investments**

N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 provides specific guidance for the allowable investment of public funds. In order to maximize liquidity, while complying with statutory requirements, the Commission utilizes the

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**7. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**Investments (Continued)**

New Jersey's Asset and Rebate management Program ("NJ/ARM") and First American Treasury Obligation Funds for investing purposes.

At December 31, 2014, the Commission had the following investments:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Average Credit/ Quality Ratings (1)</u>	<u>Face Amount</u>	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>(2) Less Than 1</u>
First American Treasury Obligation Funds Class D	AAAm	\$ 1,076,275.85	\$ 1,076,275.85	\$ 1,076,275.85
NJ/ARM - Asset & Rebate Management Program	AAAm	<u>271,679.85</u>	<u>271,679.85</u>	<u>271,679.85</u>
		<u>\$ 1,347,955.70</u>	<u>\$ 1,347,955.70</u>	<u>\$ 1,347,955.70</u>

(1) Ratings are provided where applicable to indicate associated credit risk.

(2) Investment maturities in years.

**Custodial Credit Risk** – For an investment, custodial credit risk 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 does not have a policy for custodial credit risk, however the State of New Jersey imposes certain investment limitations for governmental units. These requirements are disclosed in detail as part of Note 1.

**Credit risk** – The Commission does not have an investment policy regarding the management of credit risk. GASB 40 requires that disclosure be made as to the credit rating of all debt security investments except for obligations of the U.S. government or investments guaranteed by the U.S. government.

**Interest Rate Risk** – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Investments held for longer periods are subject to increased risk of adverse interest rate changes. The Commission does not have a policy to limit interest rate risk. The Commission's investments have a maturity of less than one year.

**8. COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

The Commission accounts for compensated absences (e.g., unused vacation, sick leave) as directed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 16 (GASB 16), "Accounting for Compensated Absences". A liability for compensated absences attributable to services already rendered and not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee is accrued as employees earn the rights to the benefits.

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**8. COMPENSATED ABSENCES (CONTINUED)**

The Commission has permitted employees to accrue unused vacation and sick pay, which may be taken as time off or paid at a later date at an agreed upon rate. All vacations must be exhausted before resignation or retirement from the Commission. Vacation may accrue for a period not to exceed two (2) years.

In the Statement of Net Position, the liabilities whose average maturities are greater than one year should be reported in two components – the amount due within one year and the amount due in more than one year.

**9. POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFITS**

**Plan Description**

The Commission contributes to the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan administered by the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. SHBP was established in 1961 under N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et. seq., to provide health benefits to State employees, retirees, and their dependents. Rules governing the operation and administration of the program are found in Title 17, Chapter 9 of the New Jersey Administrative Code. SHBP provides medical, prescription drugs, mental health/substance abuse, and Medicare Part B reimbursement to retirees and their covered dependents.

The SHBP was extended to employees, retirees, and dependents of participating local public employers in 1964. Local employers must adopt a resolution to participate in the SHBP. The Commission authorized participation in the SHBP's post-retirement benefit program through resolution.

All Commission retirees with at least 25 years of service or who retire upon or after the age of 62 with 15 or more years of service as regular full-time employees shall receive 100% of the cost of health insurance premiums until death.

The State Health Benefits Commission is the executive body established by statute to be responsible for the operation of the SHBP. The State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the SHBP. That report may be obtained by writing to: State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, NJ 08625-0295 or by visiting their website at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/gasb-43-sept2008.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/gasb-43-sept2008.pdf).

The Commission utilizes the New Jersey State Health Benefits Plan for Health Insurance, however, they also provide post-retirement benefits for vision, dental, and life insurance that are not included as a part of the State Health Benefits Plan. These benefits are budgeted by the Commission annually on a "pay as you go basis" and included in group insurance.

In accordance with GASB 45 and the State of New Jersey, the Commission is required to obtain an actuarial valuation of the liability for providing these benefits. The actuary has decided to use the entry age actuarial cost method and the level percentage of payroll amortization method. The actuarial valuation report was based on 39 total participants including 24 retirees. The actuarial valuation date is December 31, 2014. The actuarial determined valuation of these benefits has been reviewed and will be reviewed bi-annually for the purpose of estimating the present value of future benefits for active and retired employees and their dependents as required by GASB 45.

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**9. POST RETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation**

The Commission's annual OPEB cost represents the accrued cost for post-employment benefits under GASB 45. The cumulative difference between the annual OPEB cost and the benefits paid during a year will result in a net OPEB obligation. The annual OPEB cost is equal to the annual required contribution (ARC) less adjustment if a net OPEB obligation exists. The ARC is equal to the normal cost and amortization of the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) plus interest.

**Actuarial Methods and Assumptions**

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates and assumptions about the probability of occurrences of events far into the future, including future employment, mortality and healthcare cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

In the December 31, 2014 Actuarial Valuation Report, the Entry Age actuarial cost method was used for all participants. The actuarial assumptions used to project future costs included a discount rate of 2.5%. In addition, the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized over the maximum acceptable period of 30 years and is calculated assuming a level dollar amount.

**Other Post-employment Benefit Costs and Obligations**

The following reflects the components of the 2014 annual OPEB Costs, amounts paid, and changes to the net accrued OPEB obligation for the year ended December 31, 2014, based on the December 31, 2014 actuarial valuation update report and actual OPEB payments made or accrued during the year ended December 31, 2014:

		December 31, 2014
Annual Required Contribution	\$	126,783
Interest on Net OPEB Obligation		-
Adjustment to Annual Required Contribution		1,611,620
Annual OPEB Cost (Expense)		1,738,403
Increase in Net OPEB Obligation		1,738,403
Net OPEB Obligation - Beginning of Period		355,329
End of Period	\$	2,093,732

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**9. POST RETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

Funding Status and Progress

The State of New Jersey has not provided statutory authority that would allow the OPEB costs to be funded at this time.

Required Supplementary Information:

		December 31, 2014
Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)		2,093,732
Total Unfunded AAL (UAAL)	\$	2,093,732
Funded ratio		0.00%

Funding Policy

Participating employers are contractually required to contribute based on the amount of premiums attributable to their retirees. Post-retirement medical benefits under the plan have been funded on a pay-as-you-go basis since 1994. Prior to 1994, medical benefits were funded on an actuarial basis.

Contributions to pay for the health premiums of participating retirees in the SHBP are billed to the Commission on a monthly basis.

The Commission contributions to SHBP for the year ended December 31, 2014, was \$327,860.58, which equaled the required contributions for the period. There were 26 retired participants eligible at December 31, 2014.

**10. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

Bridge Damage Insurance

Due to the threefold increase in insurance coverage of the bridges, the Commission has canceled the physical damage and use and occupancy insurance on the bridges because, in the judgment of the Commission, it is not reasonably obtainable. The Commission maintains with responsible insurers all insurance required.

Property and Liability insurance

The Commission maintains commercial insurance coverage for property, liability and surety bonds.

**11. DEFERRED COMPENSATION**

The Commission offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b). The plan, which is administered by the Valic Retirement Services Company, permits participants to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Amounts deferred under the plan are not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency.

**CAPE MAY COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**  
**(CONTINUED)**

**12. LITIGATION**

From time to time, the Commission is a defendant or co-defendant in various lawsuits arising out of normal operations of the Commission. The Commission's deductible for personal injury claims was previously increased to \$50,000.00 per claimant as a result of increasing insurance premium costs. If the Commission is not successful in defending the various legal proceedings and has to pay the maximum deductible, the payments would be material to the financial statements.

**13. DUE TO IRS – ARBITRAGE REBATE**

Periodic arbitrage calculations have been made for the various bond issues and the Commission has concluded that no reserve is required at December 31, 2014. The reserves will be revised if future calculations warrant a revision.

**14. OPERATING LEASES**

The Commission had a commitment to lease a motor vehicle under an operating lease that expired in 2014. The lease was terminated in February, 2014 and was not renewed.

**15. SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT**

A shared services agreement dated December 8, 2009, between the Cape May County Bridge Commission and the County of Cape May, whereby the County of Cape May will pay the debt expenses on any Commission Bonds currently outstanding or additional Bonds issued in the future. The Cape May County Bridge Commission will continue to operate and maintain the County Bridge Facilities that are currently operated by the Commission or which, in the future, become its responsibility to so operate.

**16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has reviewed and evaluated all events and transactions that occurred from December 31, 2014 through July 17, 2015, the date that the financial statements were issued for possible disclosure and recognition in the financial statements, and no items have come to the attention of the District that would require disclosure.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Commission Members  
Cape May County Bridge Commission  
Cape May Court House, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 business-type activities of Cape May County Bridge Commission, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated July 17, 2015.

### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Commission's 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 Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Commission'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 Commission'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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**July 17, 2015**

**CAPE MAY COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**I. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

**Financial Statements**

Type of auditor's report issued: **Unmodified Opinion**

Internal control over financial reporting:

- |                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 1) Material Weakness identified? | <b>NO</b> |
| 2) Significant deficiencies?     | <b>NO</b> |

Non-Compliance material to Financial Statements noted? **NO**

**II. FINDINGS RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

**NONE**

**MANAGEMENT RESPONSES**

Management is required to respond to findings and recommendations in the audit report. A corrective action plan is required to be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey within 45 days of the filing of this report, if any findings and recommendations are noted in the audit report.

**STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

**There were no prior year findings.**

**CAPE MAY COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION**  
**SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS**  
**AND CHANGES IN CASH AND INVESTMENTS - UNRESTRICTED ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	Revenue Account	Operating Account	Total
CASH AND INVESTMENTS JANUARY 1, 2014	\$ 420,342.73	\$ 422,803.67	\$ 843,146.40
CASH RECEIPTS:			
Bridge tolls	2,784,768.92		2,784,768.92
Reimbursement from County for Debt Service	1,041,231.20		1,041,231.20
Interest on deposits and investments	802.35		802.35
Miscellaneous income	13,283.55		13,283.55
Transfers from (to) unrestricted accounts	(3,012,101.91)	3,012,101.91	-
Total Cash and Investments Available	1,248,326.84	3,434,905.58	4,683,232.42
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:			
Operations		2,872,889.76	2,872,889.76
Prepaid Insurance/Inventory Asset		131,278.69	
Accounts Payables		274,428.03	
Cancellation of PY Payables/Misc Adjustments		(137,792.73)	
Transfers to restricted accounts	1,110,451.45		1,110,451.45
Total Cash Disbursements	1,110,451.45	3,140,803.75	3,983,341.21
CASH AND INVESTMENTS December 31, 2014	\$ 137,875.39	\$ 294,101.83	\$ 699,891.21
BALANCE COMPRISED OF:			
Cash	\$ 9,742.37	\$ 293,797.45	\$ 303,539.82
Investments	128,133.02	304.38	128,437.40
	\$ 137,875.39	\$ 294,101.83	\$ 431,977.22

**CAPE MAY COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION**  
**SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS**  
**AND CHANGES IN CASH AND INVESTMENTS - RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	Bond Service Account	Construction Account	Total
CASH AND INVESTMENTS JANUARY 1, 2014	\$ 827,116.47	\$ 432,756.79	\$ 1,259,873.26
CASH RECEIPTS:			
Transfers from unrestricted accounts	1,110,394.71	56.74	1,110,451.45
Total Cash and Investments Available	1,937,511.18	432,813.53	2,370,324.71
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:			
Payment of bond interest	1,041,231.26		1,041,231.26
Capital Expenses - non-fixed assets		96,498.91	96,498.91
Total Cash Disbursements	1,041,231.26	96,498.91	1,137,730.17
CASH AND INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2014	\$ 896,279.92	\$ 336,314.62	\$ 1,232,594.54
BALANCE COMPRISED OF:			
Cash	\$	\$ 13,076.24	\$ 13,076.24
Investments	896,279.92	323,238.38	1,219,518.30
	\$ 896,279.92	\$ 336,314.62	\$ 1,232,594.54

**CAPE MAY COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION**  
**SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REVENUES AND COSTS FUNDED BY**  
**OPERATING REVENUES COMPARED TO BUDGET**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	Year Ended December 31, 2014	
	Revised Budget	Actual
<b>REVENUES:</b>		
Toll revenues	\$ 2,820,000.00	\$ 2,784,798.28
Interest on investments and deposits	850.00	802.35
Reimbursement from County for Debt Service	1,039,402.09	1,041,231.20
Other	-	13,283.55
	<b>\$ 3,860,252.09</b>	<b>\$ 3,840,115.38</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Operating appropriations:		
Personnel services:		
Commissioner salaries	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 32,001.84
Administrative salaries	261,000.00	265,744.34
Toll collectors' salaries	1,250,872.00	1,035,505.49
Employee benefits:		
Public Employees'		
Retirement System	243,141.00	339,821.45
Social Security tax	133,295.00	100,739.89
DCRP	-	732.45
Unemployment compensation insurance	4,549.00	5,572.63
Employee insurance	979,940.00	711,282.32
Administrative and general expenses:		
Legal fees	7,000.00	848.00
Legal expense	35,000.00	9,780.74
Deferred compensation	2,774.00	5,408.80
Trustee fee	4,000.00	4,190.65
Professional services	10,000.00	11,629.76
Auditor fee and services	29,000.00	31,000.00
Conferences and permits	1,500.00	311.50

**CAPE MAY COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION**  
**SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REVENUES AND COSTS FUNDED BY**  
**OPERATING REVENUES COMPARED TO BUDGET**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**  
**(CONTINUED)**

	Year Ended December 31, 2014	
	Revised Budget	Actual
EXPENSES (CONTINUED):		
Operating appropriations (continued):		
Operations and maintenance expenses:		
Armored car service	\$ 52,250.00	\$ 48,424.00
Telephone	11,000.00	11,229.70
Advertising	1,500.00	1,021.22
Office and toll supplies	37,000.00	23,103.35
Office equipment and maintenance contracts	23,500.00	41,152.23
Utilities	62,500.00	43,927.23
Maintenance supplies	22,000.00	20,155.34
Uniforms	6,062.00	-
Uniform maintenance	8,000.00	5,790.00
Car and truck operations	3,800.00	4,464.56
Insurance	370,800.00	119,052.27
	3,588,983.00	2,872,889.76
Total Operating Appropriations		
	3,588,983.00	2,872,889.76
Total Costs Funded by Operating Revenues		
	3,588,983.00	2,872,889.76
Excess (Deficit) in Budgeted Revenues	\$ 271,269.09	\$ 967,225.62

**CAPE MAY COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION**  
**BRIDGE TOLL REVENUE**

	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>December 31, 2014</u>	<u>Three Month Period</u> <u>Ended</u> <u>December 31, 2013</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u> <u>September 30, 2013</u>
MIDDLE THOROFARE BRIDGE	\$ 854,309.22	124,249.72	839,561.86
OCEAN CITY-LONGPORT BRIDGE	811,276.87	142,273.56	864,220.06
TOWNSENDS INLET BRIDGE	434,407.56	51,874.52	433,333.23
GRASSY SOUND BRIDGE	259,699.50	17,015.42	257,794.21
CORSON'S INLET BRIDGE	410,247.58	40,485.35	414,050.86
OFFICE TICKET SALES	7,319.00	1,240.94	13,062.20
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>7,538.55</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
BRIDGE TOLL REVENUES	\$ <u><u>2,784,798.28</u></u>	<u><u>377,139.51</u></u>	<u><u>2,822,022.42</u></u>

**CAPE MAY COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION**  
**CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT AND MONEY MARKET FUNDS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2014**

Face Amount	Description	Maturity Date	Cost December 31, 2014
	<b><u>REVENUE ACCOUNTS</u></b>		
	US Bank		
\$ 126,854.86	First American Treasury		\$ 126,854.86
<u>126,854.86</u>	Obligation Fund - Class D		<u>126,854.86</u>
	<b><u>OPERATING ACCOUNT</u></b>		
	US Bank		
304.38	First American Treasury		304.38
<u>304.38</u>	Obligation Fund - Class D		<u>304.38</u>
	<b><u>DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT</u></b>		
	US Bank		
520,412.47	First American Treasury		520,412.47
<u>520,412.47</u>	Obligation Fund - Class D		<u>520,412.47</u>
	<b><u>CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT</u></b>		
	US Bank		
51,558.53	First American Treasury		51,558.53
271,679.85	Obligation Fund - Class D		271,679.85
<u>323,238.38</u>	NJ/ARM - Asset & Rebate		<u>323,238.38</u>
	Management Program		
\$ <u>970,810.09</u>			\$ <u>970,810.09</u>

Note: All other Funds are deposited in Cash Management Checking Accounts at Sturdy Savings Bank and earn interest.

**CAPE MAY COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION**  
**INSURANCE COVERAGE**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	Limits
<b><u>PACKAGE POLICY</u></b>	
Buildings and Contents	\$ 2,514,000
Deductible	1,000
EDP Coverage	671,925
Deductible	1,000
Crime - Employee Dishonesty	50,000
Deductible	1,000
Theft of Money & Securities	\$90,000
Deductible	1,000
General Liability:	
Bodily Injury and Property Damage	1,000,000
Personal Injury/ Advertising	1,000,000
Fire, Lightning or Explosion	100,000
General Aggregate	2,000,000
Products/Completed Ops Aggregate	2,000,000
General Liability: Deductible per Claimant	50,000
<b><u>UMBRELLA POLICY</u></b>	
Limits of Liability	5,000,000
Self Insured Retention	10,000
<b><u>PUBLIC OFFICIALS &amp; EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY</u></b>	
Limit of Liability - Aggregate	2,000,000
Deductible - Public Officials Liability	25,000
Deductible - Employment Practices	25,000
<b><u>AUTO LIABILITY</u></b>	
Liability	1,000,000
Uninsured Motorists	1,000,000
<b><u>WORKERS' COMPENSATION</u></b>	
Bodily Injury - Accident	500,000
Bodily Injury By Disease (Each Employee)	500,000
Bodily Injury (Each Employee)	500,000

**CAPE MAY COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION**  
**OFFICIALS IN OFFICE AND SURETY BONDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

The following officials were in office during the year under audit:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Patrick Rosenello	Chairman
Carol Brand	Vice-Chairman
Maryanne K. Murphy	Secretary/Treasurer
Linda Gilles	Interim Executive Director (Retired during 2014)
Karen Coughlin	Executive Director

All employees are covered by a "Commercial Crime Coverage Endorsement" in the amount of \$50,000 for each employee with the Scottsdale Insurance Company and Public Officials are covered by a "Public Officials Liability Policy" in the amount of \$2,000.000 for each claim.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION

### TOLL AGREEMENT – CAPE MAY COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION

We have completed the audit of the financial statements Cape May County Bridge Commission in the State of New Jersey for the year ended December 31, 2014.

We, hereby certify that toll revenues collected by the Cape May County Bridge Commission in the State of New Jersey for the year ended December 31, 2014 were used for the proper operations and maintenance of the toll facilities.

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