

WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
AND SINGLE AUDIT REPORTS**

DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Joint Board of Control of
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport:

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activity of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport ("AVP") as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise AVP's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activity of AVP as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS") and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of AVP and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about AVP's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 AVP's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about AVP's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages V - XI be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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 Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise AVP's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of Federal awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR") Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and the schedules of operating expenses are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of expenditures of Federal awards and the schedules of operating expenses are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate 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 schedule of expenditures of Federal awards and the schedules of operating expenses are 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 May 31, 2022 on our consideration of AVP'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 solely 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 the effectiveness of 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 AVP's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kohanski & Co., PC

Scranton, PA
May 31, 2022

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
(UNAUDITED)**

The following narrative overview and analysis is provided by the management of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Airport (Airport) and is intended to serve only as an introduction to the Airport's basic financial statements and is made part of this audit report for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020. All amounts, unless otherwise indicated, are expressed in thousands of dollars.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Airport's financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when incurred. Capital assets are recorded in land, building, and equipment accounts and are depreciated over their useful lives (except land). See Note 1 to the financial statements for a summary of the Airport's organization and significant accounting policies. Following this discussion and analysis are the basic financial statements of the Airport, including the notes, which are essential to a full understanding of the data contained in the financial statements. The Airport's basic financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Airport's financial position and activities.

The Airport's basic financial statements consist of the Statement of Net Position, Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, Cash Flow, and the notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the Airport's assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of the Airport's financial condition.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position presents information showing the change in the Airport's net position during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event occurs, regardless of timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are recorded and reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future periods.

The Statement of Cash Flows relates to the flows of cash and cash equivalents. Consequently, only transactions that provide or use cash are recorded in this statement. A reconciliation is provided at the bottom of the Statement of Cash Flows to assist in the understanding of the difference between cash flows from operating activities and operating income.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
2021**

The Airport retained a strong financial position for the year ended December 31, 2021. Airport assets exceeded liabilities by \$99,951,744 (net assets) at December 31, 2021 and \$103,114,330 at December 31,

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2020; a decrease of 3.1% Of this amount, the unrestricted net position which may be used to meet the Airport's ongoing financial capital projects obligations, operational obligations, and stated priorities was \$4,148,176 in 2021 and \$3,977,396 in 2020.

Restricted assets increased \$1,105,718 or 36.34% due to the Airport recognizing the revenue from PFC & CFC charges at year end. The activity corresponds with the increase in restricted assets. The PFC & CFC revenue generated is restricted in use for allowable costs of approved airport projects as determined by the FAA.

The analyses in Table 1 and Table 2 below focus on the summary of net position and summary of changes in net position for the Airport's business-type activities:

Table 1

Summary of Net Position Business-Type Activities (in thousands)				
	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Change
Current and other assets	\$ 9,642	\$ 8,686	\$ 956	11%
Capital assets, net	<u>91,409</u>	<u>96,175</u>	<u>(4,766)</u>	<u>(5.0%)</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 101,051</u>	<u>\$104,861</u>	<u>\$ (3,810)</u>	<u>(3.6%)</u>
Current and other liabilities	\$ 737	\$ 1,393	\$ (656)	(47.1%)
Long-term liabilities	<u>363</u>	<u>355</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2.3%</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 1,100</u>	<u>\$ 1,748</u>	<u>\$ (648)</u>	<u>(37.1%)</u>
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 91,385	\$ 96,095	\$ (4,710)	(4.9%)
Restricted	4,148	3,042	1,106	36.4%
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>4,418</u>	<u>3,977</u>	<u>441</u>	<u>11.1%</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 99,951</u>	<u>\$ 103,114</u>	<u>\$ (3,163)</u>	<u>(3.1%)</u>

In 2021, the Airport continued to pay close attention to expenses on the operational budget by closely monitoring purchasing decisions, maintaining departmental communications regarding budget availability on a monthly basis, and reducing costs where possible. Rising utilities costs previously had a large impact on the operational budget. However, that overall impact was maintained under control by the Airport's continued diligence regarding utility contracts for natural gas and electricity, the continued replacement of lighting fixtures with new high efficiency fixtures to minimize any increases. In 2020 the Airport's expenses were impacted by the pandemic which caused a dramatic reduction in ridership (enplanements) and losses in revenue. Furthermore, with the passing of the CARES act funding of \$20,044,362 the Airport was able to offset losses due to lost revenue.

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Table 2

Summary of Changes in Net Position Business-Type Activities (in thousands)				
	December 2021	December 2020	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Change
Revenues:				
<i>Operating revenue:</i>				
Terminal	\$1,660	\$1,054	\$606	57%
Parking Lot	1,654	1,012	642	63%
Landing Field	376	328	48	15%
Other Land and Building Rental	460	472	(12)	-3%
County Subsidy	313	305	8	3%
Total operating revenues	4,463	3,171	\$1,292	41%
Operating Expenses	13,288	11,819	\$1,469	12%
Operating Income (Loss)	(\$8,825)	(\$8,648)	(\$177)	2%
Investment Income	22	29	(7)	-24%
Interest Expense	-2	-4	2	-50%
Total Non-Operating Revenues	20	25	(\$5)	-20%
Loss Before Capital Contributions	(\$8,804)	(\$8,623)	(\$181)	2%
Capital Contributions				
Federal Grants	4,330	7,931	-3,601	(45%)
State Grants	144	757	-613	(81%)
Passenger Facility Charge	603	603	0	0%
Customer Facility Charge	563	534	29	5%
Total Non-operating Revenues	5,642	9,827	(\$4,185)	(43%)
Change in net position	(3,162)	1,205	(\$4,367)	362%
Net position - beginning	103,114	101,908	1,206	1%
Net position - ending	\$99,951	\$103,114	(\$3,163)	(3%)

Operationally, the Airport's financial performance was impacted by the COVID pandemic dynamics which caused airline industry, regional economics, and fluctuating travel market demands to drop to almost zero activity. But in 2021 passenger enplanements had an increase of (42%) over the calendar year 2020. The increase was primarily attributable to reduction of the pandemic and the return of service from commercial airlines.

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The Airport continued to commit significant effort and financial resources to advertising and marketing, which resulted in recovery passenger enplanements throughout the year with the return of service from American Airlines and United Airlines. The Airport believe that Delta Airlines will return sometime in the latter part of 2022. The Airport had an operating loss before depreciation of \$3,026 million in 2021 as compared to a loss of \$3,098 million in 2020; the loss is primarily attributable to the pandemic in 2021 and 2020.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets - The Airport's capital assets, net of depreciation as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, amounted to \$91,384,969 and \$96,094,953, respectively. The capital assets include land and land improvements (including runways and taxiways); buildings and building improvements; equipment, parking garage, furniture and fixtures; as well as construction in progress. The total decrease in the Authority's capital assets before accumulated depreciation for 2021 was 5% compared to a decrease of 1% in 2020.

Major capital projects in progress and expenditures incurred during 2021 included the following:

December 31, 2021

Land	\$ 10,136,898
Equipment	144,025
Garage	1,071,638
Construction in progress (net)	6,569,625

Major capital projects in progress and expenditures incurred during 2020 included the following:

December 31, 2020

Land	\$ 87,751
Building & improvements	57,543
Equipment	713,721
Garage	4,916
Construction in progress (net)	3,363,246

Capital asset acquisitions are capitalized at cost and depreciated using the straight-line method. Acquisitions are funded using a variety of financing techniques, including federal grants, state grants, PFCs, and cost recovery through airline rates and charges. By far the largest portion of the Airport's net assets (89%) reflect its investment in capital assets (land, buildings, equipment) with no debt being incurred to acquire those assets.

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FINANCIAL OBJECTIVES

2022

Airport management continues to face significant challenges in 2022 as the Airport faced the pandemic and a reduction of travel, revenues have increased approximately 29% with a return of service and expiration of waiver agreements with airlines. The Airport received a CARES grant for \$20,044,000 to continue operations and employment at the airport. We also are continuing multiple capital projects, depending on Federal airport capital improvement project funding availability, unfunded TSA and FAA mandates, replacement and upgrading of aging equipment, a constantly changing air transportation industry with unprecedented market dynamics and the potential continuation of the pandemic into 2022. The airport projects that the CARES grant will continue to cover costs of operations and maintenance for approximately two more years. Additionally, the Airport received two more grants CRSSA for \$2,380,828 and ARPA for \$3,706,911 which will primarily be used for capital expansion and expenses.

Airport management has three main objectives for 2022. The first priority is to minimize expenses and attract additional air service, which is imperative to maintaining existing facilities and ensuring the financial resources to continue an aggressive capital improvement schedule. The second priority is to complete and continue several design/construction projects including: the extension of Taxiway B (RWY 4 approach), access road to the Airport, the construction of a Hangar and several other major maintenance projects within the Terminal building. The third priority is to maintain operating budget controls already set in place and endeavor to achieve a better than projected loss for the 2022 operating budget.

Recognizing the basic need to maintain necessary cash assets, management has committed to reducing and containing cost growth related to insurance, security, utilities, and services while attempting to maintain high standards and efficiencies during the anticipated period of uncertainty. Utilizing the delegated funds from the CARES grant in the budget for marketing, the Airport will continue attempts to retain and return of air service in 2022 and 2023 to pre-pandemic levels.

Airport management is looking to continue to improve the public's image of the airport by improving customer service and by providing more customer amenities desired by the majority of the traveling public ensuring a safe and clean facility. The challenge will be to make these improvements without significantly affecting the operation budget and customers who travel from our Airport.

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**STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
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	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 4,832,570	\$ 4,560,637
Restricted cash	4,148,059	3,042,341
Accounts receivable	309,808	327,705
Capital grants receivable	298,169	588,922
Prepaid expenses	54,239	166,929
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Total Current Assets	9,642,845	8,686,534
CAPITAL ASSETS, net of accumulated depreciation		
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	91,409,027	96,175,765
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	\$ 101,051,872	\$ 104,862,299
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<u>LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION</u>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Current portion of capital lease	\$ 24,058	\$ 57,115
Accounts payable	383,212	568,569
Accrued expenses	172,164	67,393
Retainage payable	113,774	699,848
Unearned grant income	44,189	-
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Total Current Liabilities	737,397	1,392,925
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Compensated absences	362,731	330,987
Capital lease, net of current portion	-	24,057
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Total Noncurrent Liabilities	362,731	355,044
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Total Liabilities	1,100,128	1,747,969

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	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
NET POSITION:		
Net investment in capital assets	91,384,969	96,094,593
Restricted for capital assets	4,148,059	3,042,341
Unrestricted	<u>4,418,716</u>	<u>3,977,396</u>
 Total Net Position	 <u>99,951,744</u>	 <u>103,114,330</u>
	 <u>\$ 101,051,872</u>	 <u>\$ 104,862,299</u>

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**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES
IN FUND NET POSITION
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
OPERATING REVENUES:		
Terminal area	\$ 1,659,562	\$ 1,054,584
Parking lot	1,653,870	1,011,850
Landing field	376,204	328,216
Other land and building rental	460,160	472,246
County subsidy	<u>313,358</u>	<u>304,705</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>4,463,154</u>	<u>3,171,601</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Administrative	2,643,463	1,825,340
Terminal area	2,214,158	2,127,758
Landing field	906,867	755,899
Other land and building rental	343,026	356,624
Garage	474,226	426,276
Emergency equipment	476,570	401,511
Parking lot	430,797	375,940
Depreciation	<u>5,799,176</u>	<u>5,549,837</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>13,288,283</u>	<u>11,819,185</u>
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	<u>(8,825,129)</u>	<u>(8,647,584)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):		
Investment income	22,523	29,657
Interest expense	<u>(1,997)</u>	<u>(4,102)</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues	<u>20,526</u>	<u>25,555</u>
LOSS BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>(8,804,603)</u>	<u>(8,622,029)</u>
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS:		
Federal grants	4,330,756	7,931,687
State grants	144,706	757,725
Passenger facility charges	603,278	603,372
Customer facility charges	<u>563,277</u>	<u>534,808</u>
Total Capital Contributions	<u>5,642,017</u>	<u>9,827,592</u>

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IN FUND NET POSITION (CONT'D)
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	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(3,162,586)	1,205,563
NET POSITION - Beginning	<u>103,114,330</u>	<u>101,908,767</u>
NET POSITION - Ending	<u>\$ 99,951,744</u>	<u>\$ 103,114,330</u>

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**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash received from operating revenues	\$ 4,167,693	\$ 3,192,435
Cash paid to employees for services and benefits	(3,298,636)	(4,053,713)
Cash paid for operating expenses	<u>(4,399,339)</u>	<u>(1,578,343)</u>
Net Cash Used By Operating Activities	<u>(3,530,282)</u>	<u>(2,439,621)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipt of capital grants and contributions	4,810,404	8,100,490
Facility charges collected	1,166,555	1,138,180
Cash paid for capital asset additions	(1,032,438)	(5,808,622)
Cash paid for interest	(1,997)	(4,102)
Payments on capital leases	<u>(57,114)</u>	<u>(48,560)</u>
Net Cash Provided By Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>4,885,410</u>	<u>3,377,386</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash received for interest	<u>22,523</u>	<u>29,657</u>
NET CHANGE IN CASH	1,377,651	967,422
CASH - BEGINNING	<u>7,602,978</u>	<u>6,635,556</u>
CASH - ENDING	<u>\$ 8,980,629</u>	<u>\$ 7,602,978</u>
SUPPLEMENTARY DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:		
Cash	\$ 4,832,570	\$ 4,560,637
Restricted Cash	<u>4,148,059</u>	<u>3,042,341</u>
	<u>\$ 8,980,629</u>	<u>\$ 7,602,978</u>

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONT'D)
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	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Loss from operations	\$ (8,825,129)	\$ (8,647,584)
Adjustments to reconcile loss from operations to net cash used by operating activities:		
Depreciation	5,799,176	5,549,837
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	17,897	325,539
Prepaid expenses	112,690	(42,407)
Accounts payable	(185,357)	377,148
Accrued expenses	104,771	(702,002)
Retainage payable	(586,074)	699,848
Compensated absences	<u>31,744</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Cash Used By Operating Activities	<u>\$ (3,530,282)</u>	<u>\$ (2,439,621)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1: NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations

The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport ("AVP"), located in Avoca, Pennsylvania, is owned jointly by the Counties of Luzerne and Lackawanna, Pennsylvania (the "Counties"); and is controlled by the Joint Board of Control, which consists of the county commissioners from Lackawanna County, the Luzerne County Manager, the Chair of Luzerne County Council or his/her designee, and a member of the Luzerne County Council selected by resolution adopted by an affirmative vote of at least a majority of its current members. The Airport's primary sources of revenues are user fees, terminal space and other airport facility leases, and grants.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of AVP have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting to conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, as they apply to enterprise funds of governmental units.

Basis of Presentation: Proprietary Fund

The governmental fund category used by AVP is the proprietary fund. Two fund types are included in the proprietary fund category; enterprise and internal services funds. AVP uses the enterprise fund type.

Enterprise funds account for operations that provide goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis. Such operations are financed and operated in a manner similar to private businesses and are intended to be self-supporting through charges to users.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues for AVP are user fees and lease revenue. Operating expenses for AVP include the cost of services, administrative expenses, and depreciation of capital assets. All revenue and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Proprietary fund statements provide both long-term and short-term financial information which is similar to the information reported by a business-type entity. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net position. Net position is segregated into net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted net assets. The statement of changes in fund net position presents increases (i.e. revenues) and decreases (i.e. expenses) in total net position.

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**NOTE 1: NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONT'D)**

Federal and State Grants

Outlays for airport capital improvements and certain airport operating expenses are subject to reimbursement from Federal grant programs. Funds are also received for airport development from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Funding provided from government grants is considered earned as the related approved capital outlays or expenses are incurred. Costs claimed for reimbursement under these grant programs generally require compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant contract agreements and are subject to audit or approval by certain grantor agencies.

Passenger and Customer Facility Charges

Passenger facility charges and customer facility charges are recognized as revenue in the financial statements when collected from airlines. There is no receivable recorded as there is no reasonable method of determining the amount.

Cash

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, AVP considered all unrestricted highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash.

Restricted Cash

Several cash accounts, which were funded through facility charges collected by the airlines and car rental agencies, are restricted for various programs undertaken by AVP.

Accounts and Capital Grants Receivable

Accounts and capital grants receivable are reported at amounts management expects to collect on balances outstanding. Accounts are charged to bad debt expense when considered uncollectible based on a periodic review of individual accounts. Grants and accounts receivable are considered fully collectible by management and, accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary.

Prepaid expenses

Prepaid expenses consist primarily of expenses paid in advance of the period covered. AVP amortizes the payment on the straight-line method over the term of the policy or contract.

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NOTE 1: NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
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Capital Assets

Capital assets consist of property and equipment which are carried at cost and depreciated on the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	<u>Years</u>
Runways, taxiways, and other land improvements	15 - 20
Buildings and building improvements	20 - 40
Equipment	5 - 10
Garage	25
Furniture and fixtures	5 - 10

All capital assets, except land and construction-in-progress, are depreciated. Land is never depreciated. Construction-in-progress costs are accumulated until the project is complete and placed in service. At that time, the costs are transferred to the appropriate asset class and depreciation begins.

The cost and accumulated depreciation of property sold or retired are eliminated from the accounts and the resulting gain or loss is included in income. Normal maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

Retainage Payable

AVP enters into construction contracts that may include retainage provisions such that a certain percentage of the contract amount is held for payment until completion of the contract and acceptance by AVP. AVP's policy is to record the retainage payable only after completion of the work and acceptance of the contractor invoices have occurred.

Compensated Absences

AVP's policy allows employees to accumulate unused sick leave up to a maximum amount allowed per their contract. Upon termination, accumulated sick leave and any accumulated vacation will be paid to the employee.

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NOTE 1: NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONT'D)

Income Taxes

AVP is exempt from Federal and state income tax and therefore, no provision for income tax has been made.

Use of Restricted/Unrestricted Net Position

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is AVP's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Effects of New Pronouncements

The following summarizes recent Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") pronouncements and their impact, if any, on the financial statements:

In June 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*. The statement increases the usefulness of a government's financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for previously classified operating leases as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on payment provisions of the contract.

The provisions of Statement No. 87 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021. AVP is currently evaluating the effects of this statement on its financial statements.

GASB has also issued the following pronouncements which management of AVP does not expect to impact the financial statements:

- Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*, with an effective date for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021.
- Statement No. 92, *Omnibus 2020*, with an effective date for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021.

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DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

NOTE 1: NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONT'D)

Effects of New Pronouncements (Cont'd)

- Statement No. 93, *Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*, with an effective date for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021.
- Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, with an effective date for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022.
- Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, with an effective date for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022.
- Statement No. 97, *Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14 and No. 84, and a suppression of GASB Statement No. 32*, with effective dates through June 15, 2021.
- Statement No. 98, *The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*, with an effective date for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2021.

Reclassifications

Certain items in the 2020 financial statements have been reclassified to agree to the December 31, 2021 format.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through May 31, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued, for events requiring recording or disclosure in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.

NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits with Financial Institutions

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, AVP's deposits may not be returned to it. AVP's investment policy requires deposits to be made in insured bank accounts. AVP maintains cash balances at a financial institution located in Northeast Pennsylvania. Accounts at this institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. As of December 31, 2021 \$8,970,917 of AVP's cash balances of \$9,220,917 was secured by securities pledged as collateral by the financial institution, in AVP's name.

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 3: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity consisted of the following for the year ended December 31, 2021:

	Balance January 1, <u>2021</u>	Additions/ <u>Reclassifications</u>	Disposals/ <u>Reclassifications</u>	Balance December 31, <u>2021</u>
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,663,173	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,663,173
Construction-in-progress	<u>17,787,311</u>	<u>891,135</u>	<u>11,211,258</u>	<u>7,467,188</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>19,450,484</u>	<u>891,135</u>	<u>11,211,258</u>	<u>9,130,361</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Runways, taxiways, and other land improvements	115,748,081	10,136,898	-	125,884,979
Buildings and building improvements	66,147,941	-	-	66,147,941
Equipment	9,823,928	144,025	121,270	9,846,683
Garage	8,803,258	1,071,638	-	9,874,896
Furniture and fixtures	<u>760,826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>760,826</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>201,284,034</u>	<u>11,352,561</u>	<u>121,270</u>	<u>212,515,325</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Runways, taxiways, and other land improvements	(81,514,883)	(3,202,872)	-	(84,717,755)
Buildings and building improvements	(29,928,184)	(1,636,606)	-	(31,564,790)
Equipment	(6,518,216)	(530,017)	(121,270)	(6,926,963)
Garage	(5,926,129)	(391,071)	-	(6,317,200)
Furniture and fixtures	<u>(671,341)</u>	<u>(38,610)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(709,951)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(124,558,753)</u>	<u>(5,799,176)</u>	<u>(121,270)</u>	<u>(130,236,659)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>76,725,281</u>	<u>5,553,385</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,278,666</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 96,175,765</u>	<u>\$ 6,444,520</u>	<u>\$ 11,211,258</u>	<u>\$ 91,409,027</u>

Depreciation expense charged to operations for 2021 was \$5,799,176.

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NOTE 3: CAPITAL ASSETS (CONT'D)

Capital asset activity consisted of the following for the year ended December 31, 2020:

	Balance January 1, <u>2020</u>	Additions/ <u>Reclassifications</u>	Disposals/ <u>Reclassifications</u>	Balance December 31, <u>2020</u>
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,663,173	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,663,173
Construction-in-progress	<u>29,867,711</u>	<u>5,709,365</u>	<u>17,789,765</u>	<u>17,787,311</u>
 Total capital assets, not being depreciated	 <u>31,530,884</u>	 <u>5,709,365</u>	 <u>17,789,765</u>	 <u>19,450,484</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Runways, taxiways, and other land improvements	100,753,979	15,251,097	256,995	115,748,081
Buildings and building improvements	64,080,441	2,447,132	379,632	66,147,941
Equipment	10,715,582	190,793	1,082,447	9,823,928
Garage	8,803,258	-	-	8,803,258
Furniture and fixtures	<u>930,553</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>169,727</u>	<u>760,826</u>
 Total capital assets, being depreciated	 <u>185,283,813</u>	 <u>17,889,022</u>	 <u>1,888,801</u>	 <u>201,284,034</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Runways, taxiways, and other land improvements	(78,801,302)	(2,970,576)	(256,995)	(81,514,883)
Buildings and building improvements	(28,670,565)	(1,637,251)	(379,632)	(29,928,184)
Equipment	(7,045,468)	(555,195)	(1,082,447)	(6,518,216)
Garage	(5,577,924)	(348,205)	-	(5,926,129)
Furniture and fixtures	<u>(802,458)</u>	<u>(38,610)</u>	<u>(169,727)</u>	<u>(671,341)</u>
 Total accumulated depreciation	 <u>(120,897,717)</u>	 <u>(5,549,837)</u>	 <u>(1,888,801)</u>	 <u>(124,558,753)</u>
 Total capital assets being depreciated, net	 <u>64,386,096</u>	 <u>12,339,185</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>76,725,281</u>
 Total capital assets, net	 <u>\$ 95,916,980</u>	 <u>\$ 18,048,550</u>	 <u>\$ 17,789,765</u>	 <u>\$ 96,175,765</u>

Depreciation expense charged to operations for 2020 was \$5,549,837.

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NOTE 4: LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Capitalized Leases

AVP has entered into various leases for equipment with a total net book value of \$102,139 at December 31, 2021 payable in annual installments including interest from 3.70% to 3.82%, with final payments through May 2022.

Future minimum lease payments on the above capital leases are as follows:

Year Ending <u>December 31,</u>	
2022	<u>\$ 24,249</u>
Total minimum lease payments	\$ 24,249
Less: amounts representing interest	<u>191</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	24,058
Less: current portion	<u>24,058</u>
Obligations under capital lease - noncurrent	<u>\$ -</u>

Other Long-Term Obligations

	Balance Outstanding January 1, <u>2021</u>	Net Additions (Reductions)	Balance Outstanding December 31, <u>2021</u>
Compensated absences	<u>\$ 330,987</u>	<u>\$ 31,744</u>	<u>\$ 362,731</u>

NOTE 5: FACILITY CHARGE REVENUE

Passenger Facility Charge Revenue

Passenger facility charges ("PFCs") are fees imposed on enplaned passengers by airports (and collected by airlines) for the purpose of generating revenue for airport projects that increase capacity, increase safety, or mitigate noise impacts. PFCs are restricted for use in the acquisition of real estate, construction of certain airport improvements (including payment of debt service) and other costs, as approved by the FAA. The current PFC is \$4.39 per enplaned passenger and totaled \$603,278 and \$603,372 for the years ended December 31, 2021, and 2020, respectively.

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NOTE 5: FACILITY CHARGE REVENUE (CONT'D)

Customer Facility Charges

Customer facility charges ("CFC") are collected from all rental car concessionaires that operate facilities on the airport. The CFC is \$3.25 per rental car transaction and must be used to fund capital improvements specific to the concessionaires. CFC revenue totaled \$563,277 and \$534,808 for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

NOTE 6: LEASING OPERATIONS AND COMMITMENTS

AVP's leasing operations consist principally of terminal areas and other airport facilities, under short-term and long-term lease agreements and are classified as operating leases. Such operating leases primarily require a fixed minimum lease payment and/or contingent rentals based on sales over a specified minimum dollar amount. For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, minimum lease revenues amounted to \$366,995 and \$293,333, respectively, and contingent rentals amounted to \$2,717,684 and \$1,723,009, respectively.

Beginning in March 2020, AVP waived all space rentals and landing fees for the airlines, and the minimum annual guaranteed payment for the operator of the parking lots in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The waiver expired June 30, 2021.

The following is a schedule by year of future minimum lease revenues on leases that have an initial or remaining non-cancelable lease term in excess of one year.

Year Ending <u>December 31,</u>	
2022	\$ 366,049
2023	310,276
2024	184,893
2025	185,416
2026	185,950
2027-2029	<u>485,989</u>
	<u>\$ 1,718,573</u>

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NOTE 7: RETIREMENT PLANS

AVP participates in both Luzerne and Lackawanna counties' defined benefit pension plans in which substantially all full-time employees are eligible for participation. In addition, AVP participates in both Luzerne and Lackawanna counties' deferred compensation plans in which all full-time employees may elect to participate. The counties have funded AVP's annual required contribution for the defined benefit pension plans, in the amount of \$313,358 and \$304,705 for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively; and are reported as subsidy revenue and pension expense.

NOTE 8: CONCENTRATIONS

AVP receives a substantial amount of its revenue from Federal and state governments. A significant reduction in the level of this revenue, if it were to occur, would affect AVP's programs and activities. For the years ended December 30, 2021 and 2020, revenue from one government agency represented 43% and 61%, respectively.

NOTE 9: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of business, AVP is party to commitments, contracts, governmental regulations including environmental regulations, and contingent liabilities. AVP's management is of the opinion that the outcome of any such matters would not have a material effect on the financial position or results of operations of AVP.

AVP is under numerous facility construction and improvement contracts for which they are committed to 100% of the estimated costs of these projects. The majority of costs of the projects are funded through Federal and state grants. At December 31, 2021, AVP has outstanding commitments of \$5,654,333 under contracts totaling \$10,774,774.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared, a novel strain of coronavirus disease ("COVID-19") a pandemic. The extent of COVID-19's effect on AVP's operational and financial performance will depend on future developments, including the duration, spread and intensity of the pandemic, all of which are uncertain and difficult to predict considering the rapidly evolving landscape.

Management currently believes that it has adequate liquidity and business plans to continue to operate the business and mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19 for twelve months from the date of this report.

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**SCHEDULES OF OPERATING EXPENSES
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Salaries and wages	\$ 2,330,894	\$ 2,312,022
Group health insurance	937,713	871,464
Pension	313,358	304,705
Payroll taxes	<u>166,544</u>	<u>168,225</u>
Total payroll and related expenses	3,748,509	3,656,416
Depreciation expense	5,799,176	5,549,837
Utilities	563,981	624,511
Security	323,246	286,700
Insurance	297,662	277,118
Outside services	171,602	204,594
Repairs and maintenance	424,936	174,683
Security and fire systems	185,625	157,941
Advertising and public relations	574,454	147,120
Professional fees	311,444	145,374
Fuel and oil	236,961	136,207
Taxes and licenses	217,410	135,323
Cleaning supplies	54,885	54,296
Materials and supplies	56,536	53,724
Refuse and snow removal	75,587	53,503
Equipment rental and servicing	63,290	41,832
Telephone	33,047	32,225
Office supplies	20,132	19,987
Trainings and seminars	55,497	18,859
Dues and subscriptions	33,724	14,449
Travel and meetings	34,758	13,989
Miscellaneous	5,135	13,749
Service fees	<u>686</u>	<u>6,748</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,288,283</u>	<u>\$ 11,819,185</u>

See independent auditor's report.

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**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

GRANTOR	FEDERAL CFDA NUMBER	GRANT NUMBER	AWARD AMOUNT	TOTAL RECEIPTS	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:					
Passed through grant programs from the Federal Aviation Administration:					
Airport Improvement Program - Rehab Taxiway B&D West	20.106	3-42-0105-064-2017	\$ 8,423,514	\$ 314,176	\$ 314,176
Airport Improvement Program - Extend Taxiway D East	20.106	3-42-0105-065-2018	346,076	-	-
Airport Improvement Program - Extend Taxiway B	20.106	3-42-0105-066-2018	416,499	-	-
Airport Improvement Program - Rehab Terminal Drive	20.106	3-42-0105-068-2019	165,025	-	51,189
Airport Improvement Program - Rehab Taxiway D	20.106	3-42-0105-069-2019	2,846,517	355,823	229,996
Airport Improvement Program - Extend Taxiway B	20.106	3-42-0105-070-2020	1,480,258	627,103	634,127
Airport Improvement Program - Extend Taxiway B Phase IV	20.106	3-42-0105-071-2020	215,226	-	-
Airport Improvement Program - CARES Act	20.106	3-42-0105-072-2020	20,044,362	3,201,829	2,950,687
Airport Improvement Program - Extend Taxiway B	20.106	3-42-0105-073-2021	5,120,057	40,394	72,111
Airport Improvement Program - CARES Act	20.106	N.A.	-	-	78,470
			<u>\$ 39,057,534</u>	<u>\$ 4,539,325</u>	<u>\$ 4,330,757</u>

N.A. - Not Available

See independent auditor's report and notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

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**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

NOTE 1: BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of Federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the Federal award activity of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport ("AVP") under programs of the Federal government for the year ended December 31, 2021. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance"). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of AVP, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in financial position of AVP.

NOTE 2: REPORTING ENTITY

The accompanying schedule presents the expenditures of all Federal award programs of AVP. AVP's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 to the basic financial statements. All Federal awards received directly from Federal agencies as well as Federal awards passed-through other government agencies are included in the Schedule.

NOTE 3: BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of Federal awards is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures are recognized following, as applicable, either the cost principles in OMB Circular A-87, or the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE 4: INDIRECT COSTS

AVP has elected not to use the ten percent de minimis indirect cost rate. Indirect costs are allocated to programs based on applicable criteria relative to the Federal program.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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 Joint Board of Control of
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport:

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 Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport ("AVP"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the AVP's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 31, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered AVP'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of AVP's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of AVP'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given

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these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2021-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether AVP'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*.

AVP's Response to Findings

AVP's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying corrective action plan. AVP's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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 AVP's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering AVP's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Kohanski & Co., PC

Scranton, PA
May 31, 2022

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Joint Board of Control of
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport's ("AVP") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of AVP's major Federal program for the year ended December 31, 2021. AVP's major Federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, AVP complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major Federal program for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States ("*Government Auditing Standards*"); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance"). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of AVP and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for the major Federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of AVP's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

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Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to AVP's Federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on AVP's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about AVP's compliance with the requirements of its major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding AVP's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of AVP's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of AVP's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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 a 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. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2021-002 to be a material weaknesses.

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 audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on AVP's response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. AVP's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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 the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Kohanski & Co., PC

Scranton, PA
May 31, 2022

WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Basic Financial Statements:

Type of auditors' report issued Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? _____ Yes X No

- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that is (are) not considered to be material weakness(es)? X Yes _____ None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? _____ Yes X No

Federal Awards:

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? X Yes _____ No

- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that is (are) not considered to be material weakness(es)? _____ Yes X 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 2CFR Section 200.516(a) of Uniform Guidance? _____ Yes X No

Identification of major programs:

CFDA Number(s)

Name of Federal Program or Cluster

20.106

Airport Improvement Program

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:

\$ 750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee: _____ Yes X No

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONT'D)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

FINDING 2021-001 RECOGNITION OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

Criteria: The financial statements of AVP have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting to conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, as they apply to enterprise funds of governmental units. Under the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred. Funding provided from government grants is considered earned as the related approved capital outlays or expenses are incurred.

Condition: Expenditures related to construction projects were recorded when paid, rather than when the expense was incurred, and the related government reimbursement was recorded when received rather than when earned in accordance with the criteria noted above.

Effect: Cutoff of expenses and revenue was incorrect and the financial statements contained significant errors.

Cause: Internal controls over financial reporting did not include procedures to ensure that transactions were recorded in the correct period.

Recommendation: Internal controls over financial reporting should include procedures to review all transactions as they are entered into the accounting system. This review should include identifying proper account coding as well as identifying the correct period in which the transaction should be recorded. Review and approval procedures should be designed to identify and correct any errors in recording transactions.

View of Responsible Officials: See accompanying corrective action plan.

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONT'D)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FINDING 2021-002: TRACKING FEDERAL EXPENDITURES

Criteria: Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards ("Uniform Guidance") requires non-federal government entities that expend more than \$750,000 in Federal financial assistance to have a Single Audit.

Condition: AVP receives Federal funding from a single source. At the beginning of the audit, we requested a list of Federal expenditures to determine whether AVP had reached the threshold for requiring a Single Audit under the Uniform Guidance. The schedule provided to us was not accurate and excluded some Federal expenditures and included amounts expended in prior years.

Cause: Internal controls over financial reporting do not include procedures for accurately tracking and reporting all Federal funds received and expended by AVP.

Effect: There is an increased risk of noncompliance if AVP does not have controls in place to identify and report all Federal funds received and expended.

Recommendation: We recommend AVP designate an individual to act as a coordinator. This individual would be responsible for identifying Federal awards, tracking expenditures and preparing the schedule of expenditures of Federal awards.

View of Responsible Officials: See accompanying corrective action plan.

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS - DECEMBER 31, 2020

FINDING 2020-001: TRACKING FEDERAL EXPENDITURES

Criteria: Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards ("Uniform Guidance") requires non-federal government entities that expend more than \$750,000 in Federal financial assistance to have a Single Audit.

Condition: AVP receives Federal funding from a single source. At the beginning of the audit, we requested a list of Federal expenditures to determine whether AVP had reached the threshold for requiring a Single Audit under the Uniform Guidance. The schedule provided to us was not accurate and excluded some Federal expenditures.

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Effect: There is an increased risk of noncompliance if AVP does not have controls in place to identify and report all Federal funds received and expended.

Recommendation: We recommend AVP designate an individual to act as a coordinator. This individual would be responsible for identifying Federal awards, tracking expenditures and preparing the schedule of expenditures of Federal awards.

Auditor's 2021 Status: Finding remains as stated. See current year finding 2021-002.

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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS (CONT'D)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS - DECEMBER 31, 2020 (CONT'D)

FINDING 2020-002: UNALLOWABLE COSTS

Criteria: Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR") Part 200, Subpart E, states that costs charged to Federal funds must comply with any requirements or restrictions.

Condition: AVP received duplicate reimbursements totaling \$269,533 for payroll expenditures submitted twice for reimbursement under the CARES Act award.

Cause: Lack of review procedures in internal controls over Federal awards prevented AVP from properly identifying errors in the documents submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration for reimbursement.

Effect: There is an increased risk of noncompliance including the risk that Federal funds may be used for unallowed or ineligible costs.

Recommendation: Internal controls over compliance should be developed which include review and approvals by an individual familiar with Federal program requirements.

Auditor's 2021 Status: Finding was resolved. No additional unallowable costs were noted.

05/25/2022

Kohanski & Company, P.C.
4 Meadow Ave., Suite C
Scranton, PA 18505

RE: SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
2020-001, 2021-001: TRACKING FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
2021-001: RECOGNITION OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

2020-001, 2021-001: TRACKING FEDERAL EXPENDITURES

We agree with the auditors' comments, and the following action will be taken to improve the situation. We have designated an individual to be a coordinator, Stephen Mykulen, P.E. whom is the airport Director of Engineering who will oversee the tracking and preparing of expenditures of Federal awards along the with Tia Toney, Assistant Finance and Administration. In addition, we are retaining Rainey & Rainey to do quarterly reviews to ensure tracking is done properly.

2021-001: RECOGNITION OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

We agree with the auditors' finding, the following action will be taken to improve the situation. We will have the finance department develop the policies and procedures regarding to review all transactions as they are entered into the accounting system. Ensure revenue and expenses are recorded in the proper period. In addition, we are retaining Rainey & Rainey to do quarterly reviews to identify and correct any account coding errors and ensure they are recorded in the proper period.

Sincerely,



Gary Borthwick
Assistant Director

Cc: Carl Beardsley, Jr.
Executive Director

