SouthWest Transit Eden Prairie, Minnesota

**Reports on Compliance with** *Government Auditing Standards* **and Minnesota Legal Compliance** 

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### 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*

# **Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Commissioners SouthWest Transit Eden Prairie, Minnesota

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 governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of SouthWest Transit ("SWT"), Eden Prairie, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise SWT's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 18, 2017.

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

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

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# **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether SWT'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 result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of SWT's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering SWT's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Bergan KDV, Ctd.

St. Cloud, Minnesota April 18, 2017

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## **Report on Legal Compliance**

### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Commissioners SouthWest Transit Eden Prairie, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of SouthWest Transit, Eden Prairie, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise SWT's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 18, 2017.

The *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Other Political Subdivisions*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant *to Minnesota Statutes* § 6.65, contains six categories of compliance to be tested: contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, claims and disbursements, miscellaneous provisions, and tax increment financing. Our audit considered all of the listed categories, except that we did not test for compliance with the provisions of tax increment financing because SWT does not have any tax increment districts.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that SouthWest Transit failed to comply with the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Other Political Subdivisions*. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding SWT's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions.

This purpose of this report is to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Bergan KDV, Ctd.

St. Cloud, Minnesota April 18, 2017

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