

**STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORTS PURSUANT  
TO *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*  
AND UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

# STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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**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 Board of Commissioners  
**Strafford Regional Planning Commission**

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 and the major fund of the Strafford Regional Planning Commission (the Commission) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 28, 2023.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Commission's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 the 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

## **Report on 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 financial statements. 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.

*Marum LLP*

Andover, MA  
November 28, 2023

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR  
FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE;  
AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

To the Board of Commissioners  
**Strafford Regional Planning Commission**

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

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

We have audited the Strafford Regional Planning Commission's (the Commission) 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 the Commission's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Commission's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, the Commission complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

***Basis for Opinion on Each 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Commission 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 each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Commission's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

## ***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 the Commission's federal programs.

## ***Auditors' 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 the Commission'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 the Commission's compliance with the requirements of each 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 the Commission'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 the Commission'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 the Commission'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**

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over

compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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.

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.

#### **Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance**

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund, of the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated November 28, 2023 which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such 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. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

*Marcum LLP*

Andover, MA  
June 24, 2024

**STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

<i>Federal Agency</i>			
Cluster	Federal	Pass through	
Pass through Agency	AL	Identifying	Federal
Program Title	Number	Number	Expenditures
<b><i>U.S. Department of Commerce</i></b>			
Direct Federal Program			
Economic Development Support for Planning Organizations	11.302	N/A	\$ 74,268
Economic Development Cluster			
Direct Federal Program			
COVID-19 - Economic Adjustment Assistance	11.307	N/A	56,761
Total Economic Development Cluster			56,761
Passed Through State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services			
Coastal Zone Management Administration Awards	11.419	22-306-09	15,000
Coastal Zone Management Administration Awards	11.419	psm 21-2	14,993
Total Coastal Zone Management Administration Awards			29,993
<b>Total U.S. Department of Commerce</b>			161,021
<b><i>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</i></b>			
Passed Through State of New Hampshire Department of Housing and Urban Development			
Community Development Block Grants/ State's Program and			
Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii	14.228	Unknown	10,279
<b>Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>			10,279
<b><i>U.S. Department of Transportation</i></b>			
Passed Through State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation			
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	43432	602,403
Federal Transit Cluster			
Passed Through State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation			
Federal Transit Formula Grants	20.507	NH-2020-002-00	1,352
Total Federal Transit Cluster			1,352
<b>Total U.S. Department of Transportation</b>			603,755
<b><i>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</i></b>			
Direct Federal Program			
Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements	66.818	N/A	22,849
Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Cluster			
Passed Through State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services			
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	66.468	SWP-333	23,320
Total Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Cluster			23,320
Passed Through the New Hampshire Department of Transportation			
Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants	66.460	PO10654375	16,667
<b>Total U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</b>			62,836
<b><i>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</i></b>			
Passed Through State of New Hampshire Office of Strategic initiatives			
COVID-19 Community Assistance Program State Support Services Element	97.023	Unknown	38,236
Passed Through State of New Hampshire Department of Safety			
BRIC: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities	97.047	EMB-2020-PC-0005	1,237
BRIC: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities	97.047	23BRIC20 4393	18,563
<b>Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security</b>			58,036
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>			\$ 895,926

*See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.*



**STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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**NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Strafford Regional Planning Commission (the Commission) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in the Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) 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 the Commission it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, or changes in net position of the Commission.

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited to reimbursement.

**NOTE 3 - DE MINIMIS COST RATE**

The Commission has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**NOTE 4 - DONATED PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) (UNAUDITED)**

During fiscal year 2023, the Commission did not receive donated PPE from federal sources.

**NOTE 5 - SUBRECIPIENTS**

Of the federal expenditures presented in the Schedule, the Commission did not provide federal awards to subrecipients.

STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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SECTION I—SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Type of auditors' report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP:

*Unmodified*

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? ☐ Yes ☒ None reported

Non-compliance material to financial statements noted?

☐ Yes ☒ No

**FEDERAL AWARDS**

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? ☐ Yes ☒ None reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major federal programs:

*Unmodified*

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Identification of major federal programs:

**NAME OF FEDERAL PROGRAM OR CLUSTER**

**ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER(S)**

Highway Planning and Construction

20.205

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

\$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

☒ Yes ☐ No

**STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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**SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

None.

**SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARDS FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

None.

**SECTION IV - SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

There were no findings in the prior year.