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MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE REPORT METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

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**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF
THE TWIN CITIES AREA**

Year Ended December 31, 2016



Management and Compliance Report

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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

Members of the Council and Audit Committee
Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities Area
Saint Paul, 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, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities Area, a component unit of the State of Minnesota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Metropolitan Council's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 13, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A deficiency in internal control over financial reporting 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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Metropolitan Council's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit the attention of those charged with governance.

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Metropolitan Council'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*.

Minnesota Legal Compliance

The *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Other Political Subdivisions*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65, contains six categories of compliance to be tested in connection with the audit of the Metropolitan Council's financial statements: 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 for tax increment financing because the Metropolitan Council does not administer any tax increment financing districts. Additionally, we tested for compliance with the authority to issue public debt.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Metropolitan Council 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 the Metropolitan Council's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting, compliance, and the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Other Political Subdivisions* and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Metropolitan Council's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Metropolitan Council's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

/s/Rebecca Otto

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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

Independent Auditor's Report

Members of the Council and Audit Committee
Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities Area
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Metropolitan Council's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Metropolitan Council's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2016. The Metropolitan Council's major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Metropolitan Council's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and 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). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred.

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Metropolitan Council's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Metropolitan Council's compliance with those requirements.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Metropolitan Council complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

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

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

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities Area, a component unit of the State of Minnesota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Metropolitan Council's basic financial statements. We have issued our report thereon dated June 13, 2017, 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 Metropolitan Council's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The SEFA is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the SEFA is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Purpose of This Report

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.

/s/Rebecca Otto

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June 13, 2017

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METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

I. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles: **Unmodified**

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified? **No**
- Significant deficiencies identified? **None reported**

Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted? **No**

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weaknesses identified? **No**
- Significant deficiencies identified? **None reported**

Type of auditor's 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)? **No**

The major federal programs are:

Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	CFDA No. 14.871
Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds	CFDA No. 66.458

The threshold for distinguishing between Types A and B programs was \$3,000,000.

The Metropolitan Council qualified as a low-risk auditee? **No**

II. FINDINGS RELATED TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDITED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

None.

III. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS

None.

IV. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEM RESOLVED

2013-001 Audit Adjustment

**REPRESENTATION OF THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA**

**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDING
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

Finding Number: 2013-001

Finding Title: Audit Adjustment

Summary of Condition: A material adjustment that resulted in a significant change to the Metropolitan Council's financial statements was identified. The federal Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers Portability-In revenues and housing-related expenses were incorrectly netted for financial statement purposes.

Summary of Corrective Action Previously Reported: Our internal review process will include a year-over-year reasonableness check for both the Federal REAC report and the prior year's CAFR statements for specific federal revenue and expense categories in advance of submission of the fund for audit to ensure the numbers are not netted in the presentation format of the financial statements.

Status: Fully Corrected. Corrective action was taken.

Was corrective action taken significantly different than the action previously reported?

Yes _____ No X

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**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Grant Numbers	Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development				
Direct				
Shelter Plus Care	14.238	MN0046L5K011508	\$ 535,977	\$ -
Shelter Plus Care	14.238	MN0046L5K011407	229,358	-
Shelter Plus Care	14.238	MN0010L5K001508	1,041,695	-
Shelter Plus Care	14.238	MN0010L5K001407	726,677	-
Shelter Plus Care	14.238	MN0068L5K031508	144,656	-
Shelter Plus Care	14.238	MN0068L5K031407	75,092	-
Total CFDA #14.238			\$ 2,753,455	\$ -
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	14.871	MN163VO/MN163AF	\$ 61,952,435	\$ -
Passed Through City of Minneapolis				
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	14.241	C-40303	\$ 188,771	\$ -
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	14.241	C-41555	272,878	-
Total CFDA #14.241			\$ 461,649	\$ -
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development				
			\$ 65,167,539	\$ -
U.S. Department of Transportation				
Direct				
Federal Transit Administration				
Highway Planning and Construction 2004 Urban Guarantee Section 133 (Total Highway Planning and Construction 20.205 \$1,345,169)	20.205	MN-90-X201	\$ 597,255	\$ -
Federal Transit Cluster				
Federal Transit Capital Investment Grants				
2003 Section 5309	20.500	MN-03-0086	\$ 18,512	\$ -
2000 Section 5309	20.500	MN-03-0101	1,157,319	-
2005 Section 5309	20.500	MN-03-0126	4,241	4,241
2006 Section 5309	20.500	MN-03-0200	3,403,501	771,247
2010 Section 5309 D2010-BUSP-05	20.500	MN-04-0039	80,000	-
2011 Section 5309	20.500	MN-04-0040	316,642	-
2013 Section 5309	20.500	MN-04-0049	66,497	-
2012 Section 5309	20.500	MN-04-0050	246,784	246,784
2015 Section 5309	20.500	MN-04-0053	158,697	-
2007 - 2008 Section 5309	20.500	MN-05-0019	35,708	-
2011 Section 5309	20.500	MN-05-0020	84,310	-
2012 - 2015 Section 5309	20.500	MN-05-0022	124,608	-
(Total Federal Transit Capital Investment Grants 20.500 \$8,447,823)				
(Total Federal Transit Cluster \$96,934,702)				
Total CFDA #20.500			\$ 5,696,819	\$ 1,022,272

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**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
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Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Grant Numbers	Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Transportation				
Direct				
Federal Transit Administration (Continued)				
Federal Transit Cluster				
Federal Transit Formula Grants				
2003 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X204	\$ 11,475	\$ -
2003 - 2005 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X226	44,194	-
2006 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X235	143,321	-
2006 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X238	68,764	-
2007 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X242	48,632	-
2007 - 2008 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X260	44,425	-
2010 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X274	338,303	-
2010 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X279	10	-
2011 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X282	905,032	-
2011 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X283	2,273,669	-
2011 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X286	20,080	-
2011 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X289	257,404	-
2012 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X296	33,293	-
2012 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X297	4,121	-
2012 - 2013 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X300	275,105	-
2013 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X305	506,782	-
2013 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X307	1,526,179	-
2013 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X312	150,195	-
2013 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X315	1,969,147	-
2013 - 2014 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X323	10,707,710	-
2014 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X324	19,715,992	-
2013 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X328	2,497,818	-
2015 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X331	110,732	-
2015 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X332	1,140,959	-
2014 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X333	1,229,654	-
2015 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X337	8,097,632	-
2014 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X340	3,973,929	-
2013 Section 5307	20.507	MN-90-X344	1,038,912	-
2007 Section 5307	20.507	MN-95-X001	158,563	-
2008 CMAQ	20.507	MN-95-X008	(4,310)	-
2010 - 2013 CMAQ	20.507	MN-95-X015	360,000	360,000
2012 Section 5307	20.507	MN-95-X026	921,691	921,691
2012 CMAQ	20.507	MN-95-X028	1,116,361	-
2012 Section 5307	20.507	MN-95-X031	47,296	-
2013 Section 5307	20.507	MN-95-X037	767,021	621,830
2014 CMAQ	20.507	MN-95-X040	3,483,465	901,917
2014 CMAQ	20.507	MN-95-X041	218,752	-
2015 CMAQ	20.507	MN-95-X042	429,710	60,000
2014 CMAQ	20.507	MN-95-X043	2,300,000	-
2015 CMAQ	20.507	MN-95-X044	3,613,635	355,674
2016 CMAQ	20.507	MN-2016-004	615,402	313,779
2015 - 2016 Section 5307	20.507	MN-2016-008-05	496,887	-
(Total Federal Transit Cluster \$96,934,702)				
Total CFDA #20.507			\$ 71,657,942	\$ 3,534,891

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Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Grant Numbers	Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Transportation				
Direct				
Federal Transit Administration (Continued)				
Federal Transit Cluster				
State of Good Repair Grants Program				
Rail Association Capital Maintenance	20.525	MN-54-0002	\$ 1,530,149	\$ -
Bus Hoists and Tire Lease	20.525	MN-54-0003	9,690	-
2014 MT Buses	20.525	MN-54-0004	6,327,860	-
LRT and Facility Upgrades	20.525	MN-54-0005	1,034,105	-
2015 Rail Projects	20.525	MN-54-0006	841,202	-
2015 Section 5337	20.525	MN-2016-008-01	893,951	-
2016 Section 5337	20.525	MN-2016-006-02	224,602	-
(Total Federal Transit Cluster \$96,934,702)				
Total CFDA #20.525			\$ 10,861,559	\$ -
Federal Transit Cluster				
Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program				
2014 Section 5339	20.526	MN-34-0002	\$ 5,967,378	\$ -
(Total Federal Transit Cluster \$96,934,702)				
Transit Services Programs Cluster				
Job Access and Reverse Commute Program				
2010 - 2012 Section 5316	20.516	MN-37-X015	\$ 66,950	\$ 66,950
(Total Transit Services Programs Cluster \$334,523)				
New Freedom Program				
2011 - 2013 New Freedom	20.521	MN-57-X006	\$ 267,573	\$ 257,388
(Total Transit Services Programs Cluster \$334,523)				
Alternatives Analysis				
2008 Section 5339	20.522	MN-39-0002	\$ 626,215	\$ 626,215
2011 - 2012 Section 5339	20.522	MN-39-0005	1,615	1,615
Total CFDA #20.522			\$ 627,830	\$ 627,830
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Transportation				
Highway Planning and Construction				
Transit On Board Survey	20.205	1001373	\$ 747,914	\$ -
(Total Highway Planning and Construction 20.205 \$1,345,169)				
Federal Transit Cluster				
Federal Transit Capital Investment Grants				
Northstar Commuter Rail Project	20.500	90799	\$ 2,751,004	\$ -
(Total Federal Transit Capital Investment Grants 20.500 \$8,447,823)				
(Total Federal Transit Cluster \$96,934,702)				
Metropolitan Transportation Planning and State and Non-Metropolitan Planning and Research				
2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)	20.505	07304	\$ 676,644	\$ -
2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)	20.505	1002842	3,052,254	264,934
Total CFDA #20.505			\$ 3,728,898	\$ 264,934

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**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
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Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Grant Numbers	Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Transportation				
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Transportation (Continued)				
Formula Grants for Rural Areas 2010 Section 5311	20.509	1001755	\$ 1,213,827	\$ -
Passed Through Operation Lifesaver, Inc. Railroad Safety	20.301	Not provided	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			\$ 104,204,949	\$ 5,774,265
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency				
Passed Through Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds	66.458	MPFA-16-0004R-FY16	\$ 40,213,746	\$ -
U.S. Department of Homeland Security				
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety				
Homeland Security Grant Program 2014 State Homeland Security Program	97.067	A-SHSP-2014- METCOUN-00012	\$ 33,124	\$ -
2015 State Homeland Security Program	97.067	A-SHSP-2015- METCOUN-00013	39,365	-
Total CFDA #97.067			\$ 72,489	\$ -
Rail and Transit Security Grant Program	97.075	EMW-2014-RA00014	\$ 186,429	\$ -
Rail and Transit Security Grant Program	97.075	EMW-2015-RA00021	235,027	-
Total CFDA #97.075			\$ 421,456	\$ -
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			\$ 493,945	\$ -
Total Federal Awards			\$ 210,080,179	\$ 5,774,265

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NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

1. Reporting Entity

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activities of federal award programs expended by the Metropolitan Council. The Metropolitan Council's reporting entity is defined in Note 1.A. to the financial statements.

2. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of the Metropolitan Council under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2016. 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 the Metropolitan Council, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Metropolitan Council.

3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the basis of accounting used by the individual funds of the Metropolitan Council. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Proprietary funds use the accrual basis. Such expenditures are recognized following, as applicable, either the cost principles contained in OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments*, or the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts shown on the schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years. The Metropolitan Council has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.