



May 26, 2022

VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
Senate President
415 South Beretania Street
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
415 South Beretania Street
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Transportation, Highways Division

Dear President Kouchi and Speaker Saiki:

The audit report on the financial statements and compliance of the Department of Transportation, Highways Division for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, was issued on February 3, 2022. The Office of the Auditor retained Accuity LLP to perform the financial and compliance audit. For your information, we are attaching a copy of the two-page Auditor's Summary of the financial and compliance audit report.

You may view the financial and compliance audit report and Auditor's Summary on our website at:

https://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2021_Audit/DOT_Highways_2021.pdf;

https://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2021_Audit/DOT_Highways_SA2021.pdf; and

https://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2021_Audit/DOT_Highways_Summary_2021.pdf.

If you have any questions about the report, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Leslie H. Kondo
State Auditor

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Attachment

ec/attach (Auditor's Summary only): Members of the Senate

Members of the House of Representatives

Carol Taniguchi, Senate Chief Clerk

Brian Takeshita, House Chief Clerk

Auditor's Summary

Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Transportation, Highways Division

Financial Statements, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021



PHOTO: HAWAII DOT HIGHWAYS DIVISION

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE of the audit was to form an opinion on the fairness of the presentation of the financial statements for the Department of Transportation, Highways Division, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and to comply 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), which established audit requirements for state and local governmental units that receive federal awards. The audit was conducted by Accuity LLP.

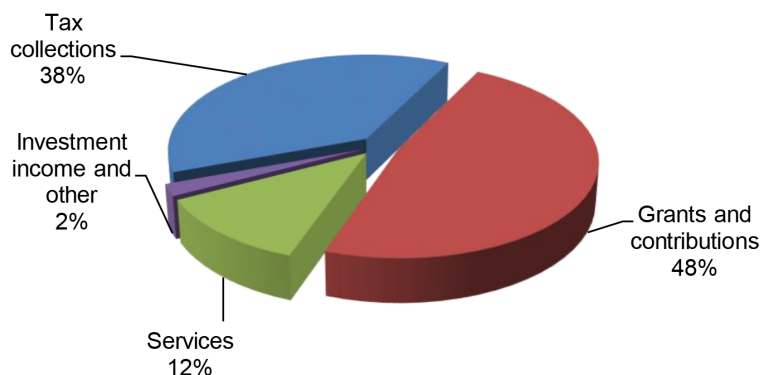
About the Division

The mission of the Department of Transportation, Highways Division (DOT–Highways), is to provide a safe, efficient, and sustainable State Highway System that ensures the mobility of people and goods within the state. The division is charged with maximizing available resources to provide, maintain, and operate ground transportation facilities and support services that promote economic vitality and livability in Hawai'i. The Department also works with the Statewide Transportation Planning Office on innovative and diverse approaches to congestion management.

Financial Highlights

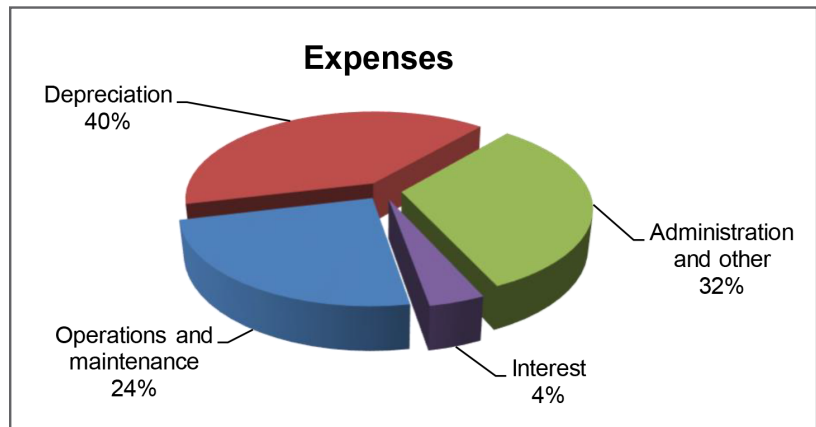
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ended June 30, 2021, DOT–Highways reported total revenues of \$494 million and total expenses of \$525 million, resulting in a decrease in net position of \$31 million. Revenues consisted of (1) \$188 million in tax collections; (2) \$239 million in grants and contributions primarily from the Federal Highway Administration; (3) \$58 million in charges for services; and (4) \$9 million in investment income and other revenues.

Sources of Revenues



Expenses consisted of (1) \$125 million for operations and maintenance; (2) \$211 million in depreciation; (3) \$168 million for administration and other expenses; and (4) \$21 million in interest.

As of June 30, 2021, total assets and deferred outflows of resources of \$5.55 billion were comprised of (1) cash and investments of \$547 million; (2) net capital assets of \$4.95 billion; and (3) \$50 million in other assets and deferred outflows of resources. Total liabilities of \$807 million included \$646 million in revenue bonds and \$161 million in other liabilities.



DOT-Highways has numerous capital projects ongoing statewide; construction in progress totaled \$213 million at the end of the fiscal year.

Auditors' Opinions

DOT-HIGHWAYS RECEIVED AN UNMODIFIED OPINION that its financial statements were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. DOT-Highways also received an unmodified opinion on its compliance with major federal programs in accordance with the *Uniform Guidance*.

Findings

THERE WAS ONE MATERIAL WEAKNESS and one significant deficiency in internal controls over financial reporting that were required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. The material weakness is described on page 9 of the single audit report, and the significant deficiency is described on pages 10-11 of the single audit report.

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.

There were no findings that were considered material weaknesses in internal control over compliance in accordance with the *Uniform Guidance*. However, the auditors identified two significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. 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. The deficiencies are described on pages 12-14 of the single audit report.

For the complete report and financial statements visit our website at:

https://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2021_Audit/DOT_Highways_2021.pdf
https://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2021_Audit/DOT_Highways_SA2021.pdf