

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH
REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGES
AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH *PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE GUIDE FOR PUBLIC AGENCIES***

Board of Commissioners
Municipal Airport Authority of the City of Fargo, ND
Fargo, North Dakota

Report on Compliance for Passenger Facility Charges Program

Opinion on Passenger Facility Charges Program

We have audited the compliance of the Municipal Airport Authority of the City of Fargo, ND (the "Authority"), with the types of compliance requirements described in the *Passenger Facility Charge Audit Guide for Public Agencies*, issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (the "Guide"), for its passenger facility charge program for the year ended December 31, 2023.

In our opinion, the Authority complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect to the passenger facility charge program for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Passenger Facility Charges Program

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 Guide. Our responsibilities under those standards and the Guide are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Authority 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 Passenger Facility Charges Program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Authority'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 requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to its passenger facility charge program.

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 the Authority'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 generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Guide 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 Authority's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Guide, 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 Authority'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 Authority'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 Guide, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority'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 the passenger facility 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 the passenger facility 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 the passenger facility 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 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. 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 *Passenger Facility Charge Audit Guide for Public Agencies* issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (the "Guide"). Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

This report is intended solely for the information of the Board of Commissioners, management, and the Department of Transportation and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FARGO, ND
SCHEDULE OF PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGES AND RELATED EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AND EACH QUARTER FROM
JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

| | First Quarter | Second Quarter | Third Quarter | Fourth Quarter | Total |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2023 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGES | 697,992 | 352,870 | 523,600 | 561,633 | 2,136,095 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | <u>(697,992)</u> | <u>(352,870)</u> | <u>(523,600)</u> | <u>(561,633)</u> | <u>(2,136,095)</u> |
| BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2023 | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |

Passenger Facility Charges are presented above on a cash basis.

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FARGO, ND
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS –
SCHEDULE OF PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE PROGRAM
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

I. Summary of Auditor's Results

- i) An unmodified report was issued on the December 31, 2023 financial statements of the Municipal Airport Authority of the City of Fargo, ND (the "Authority").
 - ii) No non-compliance, which is material to the financial statements, was disclosed by the audit.
 - iii) An unmodified opinion was issued on compliance for the passenger facility charge program.
- II. There were two findings related to the financial statements, which are required to be reported in accordance with generally accepted *Government Auditing Standards*, shown as 2023-001 and 2023-002 on pages 52 and 53 of the Authority's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- III. There were no findings related to the *Passenger Facility Charge Audit Guide for Public Agencies*, which are required to be reported.