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**CITY OF STOW  
SUMMIT COUNTY**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

City of Stow  
Summit County  
3760 Darrow Road  
Stow, Ohio 44224-4094

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Stow, Summit County, Ohio (the City) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated August 12, 2016, wherein we noted the City adopted Governmental Accounting Standard No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* and Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*. In addition, the City restated the Governmental Activities Net Position due to an error reported in the prior year capital assets construction in progress.

### ***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinion on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the City's financial statements. 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 internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of reasonably assuring whether the City's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

***Purpose of this Report***

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the City's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

August 12, 2016



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

City of Stow  
Summit County  
3760 Darrow Road  
Stow, Ohio 44224

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

### ***Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program***

We have audited the City of Stow's (the City) compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect the City of Stow's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2015. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the City's major federal program.

### ***Management's Responsibility***

The City's management is responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal program.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to opine on the City's compliance for the City's major federal program based on our audit of the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; 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). These standards and the Uniform Guidance require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our compliance opinion on the City's major program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance.

***Opinion on the Major Federal Program***

In our opinion, the City of Stow complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2015.

***Report on Internal Control Over Compliance***

The City's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our compliance audit, we considered the City's internal control over compliance with the applicable requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures appropriate for opining on each major federal program's compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the City'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, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or to timely detect and correct, noncompliance with a federal program's applicable compliance requirement. 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 federal program compliance requirement will not be prevented, or timely detected and corrected. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with federal program's applicable compliance requirement 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 first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily 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.

This report only describes the scope of our internal control over compliance tests and the results of this testing based on Uniform Guidance requirements. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



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

We have also audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the discretely-presented component unit and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Stow (the City) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. We issued our unmodified report thereon dated August 12, 2016, wherein we noted the City adopted Governmental Accounting Standard No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* and Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*. In addition, the City restated the Governmental Activities Net Position due to an error reported in the prior year capital assets construction in progress. We conducted our audit to opine on the City's basic financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of federal awards expenditures presents additional analysis required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule is management's responsibility, and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records management used to prepare the basic financial statements. We subjected this schedule to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling this schedule directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

August 12, 2016

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**SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

<b>Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor/ Program Title</b>	<b>Pass Through Entity Number</b>	<b>Federal CFDA Number</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
<b><u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</u></b>			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Transportation</i>			
Highway Planning and Construction			
Graham Road	PID 84977	20.205	\$ 924,782
Springdale Bike Lane	PID 97864	20.205	<u>183,423</u>
Total U.S. Department of Transportation/Highway Planning and Construction			1,108,205
<b><u>U.S DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT</u></b>			
<i>Passed through Summit County</i>			
Community Development Block Grant - Samira Rd Waterline Project	N/A	14.218	100,000
<b><u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY</u></b>			
<i>Passed Through the Federal Emergency Management Agency</i>			
Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)	N/A	97.044	71,090
<b><u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</u></b>			
<i>Direct</i>			
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (BVP)	N/A	16.607	2,220
<i>Passed Through Ohio Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Services</i>			
Law Enforcement Assistance-Narcotics and Dangerous Drug_Laboratory 2014-2015 Drug Use Prevention Grant Program (DARE Grant)	N/A	16.001	19,903
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Public Safety</i>			
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant			
Body Worn Cameras	2014-JG-LLE-5066	16.738	7,200
Radio Communications Safety Grant	2014-JG-A02-6941	16.738	<u>24,659</u>
Total Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant			<u>31,859</u>
Total U.S. Department of Justice			<u>53,982</u>
<b>Total Federal Financial Assistance</b>			<b><u><u>\$ 1,333,277</u></u></b>

The accompanying notes to this schedule are an integral part of this schedule.

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES  
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

**NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of City of Stow (the City's) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2015. The information on this Schedule is prepared 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 City, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the City.

**NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. 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* (codified in 2 CFR Part 225), wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement. The City has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**NOTE C - MATCHING REQUIREMENTS**

Certain Federal programs require the City to contribute non-Federal funds (matching funds) to support the Federally-funded programs. The City has met its matching requirements. The Schedule does not include the expenditure of non-Federal matching funds.

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
2 CFR § 200.515  
DECEMBER 31, 2015**

**1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR §200.516(a)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	Major Programs (list):	Highway Planning and Construction Grant (CFDA #20.205)
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR §200.520?	Yes

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

None

**3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS**

None

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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2015**

<b>Finding Number</b>	<b>Finding Summary</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
2014-001	<b>Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39 –</b> The original appropriations exceeded estimated resources in the Grant Project Fund by \$673,595. Additionally final appropriations exceeded actual revenue by \$970,206.	Fully corrected	