

# City of El Paso, Texas

Report to Financial Oversight & Audit Committee

2021 Audit Results

### **Agenda**

- Reports Issued
- Areas of Audit Emphasis
- Required Communications
- Upcoming Accounting Pronouncement





## **Reports Issued**

### We issued the following reports for the year ended August 31, 2021

#### Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)

- Financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (Unmodified opinion)
- Report on internal control and compliance over financial reporting in accordance with Government Auditing Standards

#### Single Audit Report

- Report on compliance related to major federal and state award programs
- 6 federal programs and 2 state programs tested
- No findings of noncompliance noted





# **Other Reports Issued**

We issued the following agreed-upon procedure and compliance reports for the year ended August 31, 2021

- Passenger Facility Charge Program (El Paso International Airport)
- Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report (El Paso Police Department)
- TCEQ Local Government Financial Test
- National Transit Database Federal Fund Allocation Data (Sun Metro)

No findings of noncompliance or internal control matters noted



# **Areas of Audit Emphasis**

#### Internal control environment

 Capital assets/project management, cash receipts/receivables, cash disbursements/payables, payroll, bond and investment transactions, pensions, and administration of federal awards

#### Management estimates

 Environmental remediation liability, legal contingencies/ recoveries, depreciation, allowance for doubtful accounts, grant receivables, actuarial valuations for pensions and health plans

#### Enterprise funds

Airport, transit, international bridges, tax office and environmental quality

#### Fiduciary funds and activities

Pensions, other post employment benefits (OPEB) and custodial funds

#### Capital assets

 Consideration of capitalization policies and potential impairment, as well as testing of additions, retirements, depreciation



### Areas of Audit Emphasis (continued)

#### Bond activity

 New issuances, debt repayments, discounts and premiums, compliance with covenants, and procedures over information presented in the net revenues schedule

#### Information systems

General computer internal controls

#### 6 major federal programs identified and tested this year

- Federal Transit Cluster Grants \$40.0M
- COVID-19 Coronavirus Relief Fund \$100.7M
- o COVID-19 Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund \$14.8M
- Airport Improvement Program \$9.1M
- COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance \$12.3M
- WIC Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children \$5.2M

### 2 major state programs identified and tested this year

- o Immunization Branch Locals Program \$422K
- Texas Anti-Gang Program \$1.1M



## **Required Communications**

- Auditor and Management responsibilities for financial statements under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards
  - Auditor forms and expresses an opinion about whether the financial statements are fairly presented and plans and performs the audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards
  - Our audits do not relieve City management of its responsibilities
- Audits were performed according to the planned scope
- Significant accounting policies are summarized in Note 1 to the financial statements
- Financial statement disclosures were consistent, clear and understandable
- Representations were requested and received from management
- No disagreements with management or difficulties encountered



### Required Communications (continued)

- No consultation with other independent auditors of which we are aware
- No material weaknesses noted
- No illegal acts noted
- Ability to continue as a going concern (no disclosure necessary)
- Significant new accounting standards
  - No significant new standards implemented in fiscal 2021
  - OGASB No. 98 changed reference of financial reporting from *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* to *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*
- Consideration of fraud in a financial statement audit
  - Procedures performed included journal entry testing, vendor analysis, and interviews of City Council members, management, and personnel
- Moss Adams is independent with respect to the City of El Paso



# **Upcoming Accounting Pronouncement**

GASB No. 87 Leases (effective in 2022): Addresses recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases.

- Under the standard, leases will be capitalized as "right to use" assets with related liabilities and deferred inflows/outflows of resources over the term of each lease.
- We are working with management for the implementation of this standard, which requires careful consideration of current leases and lease-like arrangements across all departments for applicability and measurement.





- Weekly status meetings were held between Moss Adams and City management throughout the audit process
- All City personnel across all departments were courteous, responsive and fulfilled our requests in a timely manner
- 'Tone at the Top' and attitude from management was one of helpfulness, and openness in response to audit requests and discussion points

