



**FOOTHILL/EASTERN TRANSPORTATION  
CORRIDOR AGENCY**

Financial Statements

June 30, 2008

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

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## **Independent Auditors' Report**

The Honorable Board of Directors  
Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (the Agency) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Agency's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency as of June 30, 2008, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages 2 through 7 is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management, regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

**KPMG LLP**

September 23, 2008

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This discussion and analysis of the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency's (the Agency) financial performance provides an overview of the Agency's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. Please read it in conjunction with the Agency's financial statements.

**Background**

The Agency was formed in 1986 as a Joint Powers Authority by the County of Orange and cities in Orange County, California. The Agency was created to plan, design, finance, construct, and operate the Foothill (State Route 241) and Eastern (State Route 241, State Route 261, and State Route 133) Toll Roads.

Planning began in the 1970s when local transportation studies identified the need for new highways, including the Foothill and Eastern Transportation Corridors (State Route 241, State Route 261, and State Route 133), to serve Orange County's growing population. In the early 1980s, the corridor was envisioned as a free highway funded through state or federal gas-tax revenues, but with a shortage of gas-tax revenues to fund transportation improvements and increasing costs of building new roads, local officials began to study alternative ways to fund road projects.

In the mid-1980s, two state laws were passed authorizing the Agency to collect tolls and development impact fees to fund road construction. With a pledged revenue stream from future tolls, the Agency issued nonrecourse, toll-revenue bonds to fund road construction, rather than relying on the uncertainty of state gas-tax revenue. The Agency also reached an agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to assume ownership, liability, and maintenance of the State Route 241, State Route 261, and State Route 133 Toll Roads as part of the state highway system. This agreement eliminated the need for the Agency to seek additional funding sources for road maintenance.

In 1993, the first 3.2-mile segment of the Foothill (State Route 241) Toll Road opened to traffic, the first toll road in Southern California to use FasTrak®, an electronic toll-collection system that allowed drivers to pay tolls without stopping at a toll booth. Today, approximately 200,000 transactions are recorded on the State Route 241, State Route 261, and State Route 133 Toll Roads every weekday, serving as an important, time-saving alternative route to local freeways and arterial roads.

**Financial Highlights**

Tolls, fees, and fines collected in fiscal year 2008 (FY 2008) totaled \$111,167 compared to \$115,419 in the prior fiscal year, a decrease of 3.7%.

Interest and principal payments of \$52,487 and \$25,525, respectively, on the Agency's long-term debt were made in FY 2008 compared to \$53,065 and \$19,260, respectively, in the prior fiscal year. Accretion on the Agency's capital appreciation bonds and convertible capital appreciation bonds totaled \$72,308 in FY 2008, compared to \$68,196 in the prior fiscal year.

As of June 30, 2008, the Agency had \$524,247 in restricted cash and investments governed under the 1995 and 1999 master indentures of trust. The Agency also had \$104,325 in unrestricted cash.

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Total net deficit at June 30, 2008 was \$(1,347,926). The deficit results primarily from the recording of long-term debt, proceeds of which funded the construction of the corridors. Ownership was transferred to Caltrans upon completion. The net deficit was also a result of accretion recorded on the capital appreciation bonds and convertible capital appreciation bonds, which was greater than principal payments made.

**Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Agency's financial statements, which comprise the statement of net assets (deficit), statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets (deficit), the statement of cash flows, and notes to the financial statements.

The financial statements present the financial picture of the Agency from the economic resources measurement focus using the accrual basis of accounting. These statements include all recordable assets of the Agency as well as all liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid. The statement of cash flows provides information about the Agency's cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operating, capital and related financing, and investing activities during the reporting period.

The statement of net assets (deficit) and the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets (deficit) report the Agency's net assets and related changes in them. Net assets are the difference between the recorded assets and liabilities. The recorded activities include all toll revenues and operating expenses related to the operation of the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridors. In addition, all of the Agency's construction-related activities, including the design, construction, and mitigation on the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridors as well as all financing costs and administration of the project, are reflected in the statements. The activities are financed by toll revenues, development impact fees, remaining bond proceeds, fees and fines, investment income, and federal grants.

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**Financial Analysis**

The following table summarizes the assets, liabilities, and net deficit for the Agency as of June 30, 2008 and 2007:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<b>Percentage increase (decrease)</b>
<b>Assets:</b>			
Current assets	\$ 197,580	202,518	(2.4)%
Capital assets, net	285,263	224,182	27.2
Other noncurrent assets	443,283	436,888	1.5
Total assets	<u>926,126</u>	<u>863,588</u>	7.2
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Bonds payable	2,222,837	2,176,054	2.1
Other liabilities	51,215	50,253	1.9
Total liabilities	<u>2,274,052</u>	<u>2,226,307</u>	2.1
Total net deficit	<u>\$ (1,347,926)</u>	<u>(1,362,719)</u>	(1.1)

The purpose of the Agency is to plan, finance, design, and construct the remaining portions of the corridor system and to operate and collect tolls from the patrons of the corridors to extinguish the related long-term bond debt. The debt, issued in the form of tax-exempt bonds, was issued initially to construct the roads. Subsequent to completion, the roads are transferred to Caltrans. The net deficit results primarily from using bond proceeds to construct the corridors, which were then contributed to Caltrans, and from the accretion of interest on the outstanding bonds.

Current assets have decreased this year mainly due to a scheduled mitigation payment made to San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency (SJHTCA) totaling \$30,000. More detailed information regarding this payment can be found in note 8(e) to the financial statements.

Capital assets, net have increased as a result of additions to construction in progress primarily related to the scheduled mitigation payment made to SJHTCA, preliminary design, and environmental planning costs associated with the future completion of the southern extension of the State Route 241 Toll Road.

The increase in bonds payable results from the current year accretion on the capital appreciation bonds and the convertible capital appreciation bonds totaling \$72,308, offset by a principal payment of \$25,525. Other liabilities have slightly increased as a result of increased deferred revenue from FasTrak® patrons.

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The following is a summary of the Agency's revenues, expenses, and changes in net deficit for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>Percentage increase (decrease)</u>
Operating revenues:			
Tolls, fees, and fines	\$ 111,167	115,419	(3.7)%
Development impact fees	11,844	20,194	(41.3)
Other revenue	1,102	800	37.8
Total operating revenues	<u>124,113</u>	<u>136,413</u>	(9.0)
Operating expenses	<u>27,135</u>	<u>33,843</u>	(19.8)
Operating income	96,978	102,570	(5.5)
Nonoperating revenue (expenses)	<u>(82,185)</u>	<u>(84,892)</u>	(3.2)
Change in net deficit	14,793	17,678	(16.3)
Net deficit at beginning of year	<u>(1,362,719)</u>	<u>(1,380,397)</u>	(1.3)
Net deficit at end of year	<u>\$ (1,347,926)</u>	<u>(1,362,719)</u>	(1.1)

Revenues for the Agency consist primarily of tolls, fees, and fines, which comprised 89.6% of total revenue in FY 2008 compared to 84.6% of total revenue in FY 2007. Tolls, fees, and fines decreased 3.7% over the prior year primarily due to rising fuel costs and that impact on vehicle miles traveled, which has a direct correlation to toll road transactions. Development impact fees were \$11,844 in FY 2008 compared to \$20,194 in FY 2007, a decrease of 41.3%. This decrease is directly related to a downturn in residential and non-residential development.

Operating expenses were \$27,135 in FY 2008 compared to \$33,843 in FY 2007, a decrease of 19.8%. This decrease is due to the contribution of capital improvements to Caltrans of \$980 in FY 2008, compared to \$9,998 in FY 2007. Two large capital improvement projects were completed and transferred to Caltrans in the prior year, whereas in FY 2008, the majority of these projects are included in construction in progress. Also included in operating expenses are payments to third-party contractors for systems and equipment, violation processing, service center and toll collection operations, and the noncash expense of depreciation on fixed assets of \$3,761 compared to \$3,541 in FY 2007.

Nonoperating revenue (expenses) consists of investment income of \$42,672, offset by interest expense of \$124,795 and amortization of \$62. For FY 2007, nonoperating revenue (expenses) consists of investment income of \$36,374, offset by interest expense of \$121,261 and amortization of \$5. The increase in investment income is primarily related to the change in fair market value of investments held during each year. Interest expense comprises both interest payments and the change in accrued interest on long-term debt and accretion of bonds outstanding. Amortization represents capitalized bond issuance costs associated with the fixed rate Subordinate

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Lien Toll Road Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 (the 2007 Bonds) amortized over the 37-month term of the bonds as disclosed in note 6 to the financial statements.

The decrease in net deficit is primarily a result of an overall decrease in operating expenses and an increase in investment income in the current year. The revenues earned by the Agency were sufficient to cover its current obligations, including debt service and operating expenses.

**Capital Assets, Net**

The following table summarizes the capital assets, net of depreciation, at June 30:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Construction in progress	\$ 248,373	187,066
Right-of-way acquisitions, grading, or improvements	16,539	16,539
Furniture, equipment, and vehicles	104	97
Facility and toll revenue equipment	<u>20,247</u>	<u>20,480</u>
Total capital assets	\$ <u>285,263</u>	<u>224,182</u>

Construction in progress at June 30, 2008 primarily represents improvements in progress related to the completion of the southern extension of the State Route 241 Toll Road. Right-of-way acquisitions, grading, or improvements include easements and environmental mitigation parcels. Facility and toll revenue equipment includes the corridor operations facility, transponders, toll and violations collection equipment, toll booths and buildings, and changeable message signs.

More detailed information about the Agency's capital assets is presented in note 5 to the financial statements.

**Debt Administration**

The Agency has outstanding bonds payable of \$2,222,837 at June 30, 2008, an increase from the prior year of \$46,783 due to the accretion of principal on convertible capital appreciation bonds and capital appreciation bonds of \$72,308, offset by a principal payment of \$25,525. All of the Agency's toll revenue, less certain expenses, as defined in the indentures of trust, is pledged to repay these bonds. There were no changes to the debt structure during FY 2008.

The Agency has several debt covenants contained in the master indentures of trust. Management of the Agency represents that the Agency was in compliance with all of its covenants as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008.

**Economic Factors**

The Agency is continuing to seek ways to increase revenue and encourage more drivers to use FasTrak®, which is considered the most cost-effective way for the Agency to collect tolls. Based on FY 2008 traffic and revenue growth and estimated growth for FY 2009, the Agency did not implement toll rate increases for fiscal year 2009.



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In May 2004, the San Joaquin Hills and Foothill/Eastern boards of directors and their respective financial and legal advisors began developing and negotiating a conceptual Mitigation and Loan Plan to help the SJHTCA avoid technical default and enable the Agency to move forward with the completion of the southern extension of the State Route 241 Toll Road. In November 2005, the Agency and the SJHTCA entered into an agreement, the terms of which include payments of \$120,000 over four years to the SJHTCA to mitigate for the projected loss of revenue due to the construction of the southern extension of the State Route 241 Toll Road and loans as needed by SJHTCA, of up to \$1,040,000 to assist SJHTCA in achieving its covenants to its bondholders. The agreement is fully disclosed in note 8(e) to the financial statements.

The Agency is focused on the completion of the southern extension of the State Route 241 Toll Road. The project includes the extension of the State Route 241 Toll Road south from its current end near Rancho Santa Margarita and Mission Viejo to the I-5 Freeway near San Clemente. During fiscal year 2006, the Agency's board of directors certified the Environmental Impact Statement/Supplemental Environmental Impact Report and selected a locally preferred Foothill-South alignment. In February 2008, the California Coastal Commission denied the approval of this alignment, and under the federal Coastal Zone Management Act, the Agency filed an appeal of this decision with the U.S. Secretary of Commerce. The Agency is continuing to pursue the required state and federal permits and performing analysis on financing options for the completion of State Route 241. Construction is currently estimated to start as early as 2011.

In April 2003, the Agency and SJHTCA formed a joint powers agency, the Transportation Corridor System (TCS), to explore the possibility of purchasing the assets of both the Agency and SJHTCA and managing both toll roads as a single system. In August 2007, the TCS met to discuss a potential acquisition that would finance the purchase of the two agencies through the issuance of new bonds. The proceeds of the sale of their assets would be used by the Agency and SJHTCA to defease or extinguish existing debt. A decision by all three agencies' board of directors on whether the acquisition will occur is anticipated in the first half of FY 2009.

**Contacting the Agency's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Agency's finances for all those with an interest in its finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or request for additional financial information should be addressed to the Controller, Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, 125 Pacifica, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92618 or to <http://www.thetollroads.com>.

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Statement of Net Assets (Deficit)

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**Assets**

Current assets:	
Cash and investments	\$ 104,325
Restricted cash and investments	81,089
Receivables:	
Accounts, net of allowance of \$906	1,161
Fees	30
Interest	9,299
Total receivables	10,490
Due from San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency	1,029
Other assets	647
Total current assets	197,580
Noncurrent assets:	
Restricted cash and investments	443,158
Capital assets, net	285,263
Capitalized bond issuance costs, net	125
Total assets	926,126

**Liabilities**

Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	8,675
Deferred revenue	12,653
Due to San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency	2,441
Employee compensated absences payable	515
Interest payable	25,931
Note payable	1,000
Current portion of bonds payable	31,360
Total current liabilities	82,575
Long-term bonds payable	2,191,477
Total liabilities	2,274,052

**Net Assets (Deficit)**

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	(1,938,574)
Restricted	486,323
Unrestricted	104,325
Total net deficit	\$ (1,347,926)

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets (Deficit)

Year ended June 30, 2008

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Operating revenues:	
Tolls, fees, and fines	\$ 111,167
Development impact fees	11,844
Other revenues	1,102
Total operating revenues	124,113
Operating expenses:	
Toll compliance and customer service	7,697
Depreciation	3,761
Toll systems	3,414
Salaries and wages	3,242
Toll collections	2,552
Professional services	1,369
Marketing	1,077
Toll facilities	1,019
Contribution of capital improvements to Caltrans	980
Insurance	958
Facilities operations, maintenance, and repairs	580
Other operating expenses	486
Total operating expenses	27,135
Operating income	96,978
Nonoperating revenue (expenses):	
Investment income	42,672
Amortization of bond issuance costs	(62)
Interest expense	(124,795)
Nonoperating revenue (expenses), net	(82,185)
Change in net deficit	14,793
Net deficit at beginning of year	(1,362,719)
Net deficit at end of year	\$ (1,347,926)

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Statement of Cash Flows

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Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from toll road patrons	\$ 112,025
Cash received from development impact fees	11,883
Cash received from property rental	475
Cash received from miscellaneous revenue sources	626
Cash payments to suppliers	(18,900)
Cash payments to employees	(3,254)
	<u>102,855</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Cash payments for equipment	(3,820)
Cash payments for construction in progress	(61,733)
Cash payments for interest and principal	(78,441)
	<u>(143,994)</u>
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Cash received for interest, net of realized gains and losses	32,093
Cash payments for purchase of investments	(362,560)
Cash received from the maturity and sale of investments	367,740
	<u>37,273</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	
	(3,866)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>364,576</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year (note 4)	<u>\$ 360,710</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Operating income	\$ 96,978
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	3,761
Contribution of capital improvements to Caltrans	980
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Accounts receivable	(146)
Fees receivable	39
Accounts payable, less accounts payable for fixed assets and construction in progress	176
Deferred revenue	1,154
Due from San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency	79
Due to San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency	(229)
Other assets	40
Employee compensated absences payable	23
	<u>5,877</u>
Total adjustments	<u>5,877</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 102,855</u>
Noncash transactions:	
Interest expense recorded for accretion of bonds outstanding	\$ (72,308)
Unrealized gain on investments	8,644
Amortization of discount/premium on investments	2,365
Amortization of bond issuance costs	(62)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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**(1) Notes to Financial Statements Reporting Entity**

In recognition of the regional transportation needs in the County of Orange (County), the California State Legislature has enacted various amendments to the California Government Code to authorize the financing of bridges and major thoroughfares by joint powers agencies. Pursuant to such authorization, the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (the Agency) was created in January 1986 by a joint exercise of powers agreement. Current members are the County and the cities of Anaheim, Dana Point, Irvine, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Orange, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Santa Ana, Tustin, and Yorba Linda (collectively, the member agencies). The purpose of the Agency is to plan, design, construct, finance, administer funds for, and operate the Foothill and Eastern Transportation Corridors, including thoroughfares and bridges. The Agency is governed by a board of directors comprising representatives from the member agencies. The Agency has the power to, among other things, incur debt and establish and collect tolls.

These financial statements comprise the activities of the Agency. There are no other organizations for which the Agency is financially accountable or for which it is fiscally responsible. The Agency and the San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency (SJHTCA) are under common management and together are called the Transportation Corridor Agencies. However, each agency has an independent governing board.

**(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The accounting policies of the Agency are in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing accounting and financial reporting principles.

**(a) Basis of Presentation**

The Agency records revenue in part from fees and other charges for services to external users and, accordingly, has chosen to present its financial statements using the reporting model for special-purpose governments engaged in business-type activities. This model allows all financial information for the Agency to be reported in a single column in each of the accompanying financial statements.

The Agency distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items in the preparation of its financial statements. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from the collection of tolls, fees, and fines on the corridors. The Agency's operating expenses include contribution expense, depreciation, materials, services, and other expenses related to the operation of the corridors. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

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**(b) Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when incurred. As provided in GASB Statement No. 20, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting*, the Agency does not apply Financial Accounting Standards Board pronouncements issued after November 30, 1989.

Restricted resources are used in accordance with the Agency's master indentures of trust. Unrestricted resources are used at the Agency's discretion. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Agency's policy to determine on a case-by-case basis when to use restricted or unrestricted resources.

**(c) Budget**

Fiscal year budgets are prepared by the Agency's staff for estimated revenues and expenses. The board of directors adopts the annual budget at the June board meeting for the fiscal year commencing the following July. The approval of the budget requires the consent of at least two-thirds of the board members. No expenditures in excess of the total budget for each board-designated category are made without the approval of at least two-thirds of the board members, at which time a revised and amended budget is required to be submitted to the board of directors. All budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. All budget appropriations lapse at year-end. Any budgeted expenses not incurred by each year-end must be reappropriated in the next fiscal year.

**(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents generally consist of cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

**(e) Investments**

Investments in U.S. government securities and federal agency securities are carried at fair value based on quoted market prices. Commercial paper is carried at amortized cost (which approximates fair value). Treasury mutual funds are carried at fair value based on the fund's share price.

The Agency classifies investments as current or noncurrent based on how readily the investment is expected to be converted to cash and whether any restrictions limit the Agency's ability to use the resources.

**(f) Receivables**

Receivables include amounts due from member agencies for development impact fees collected on behalf of the Agency, credit card receivables, interoperable receivables due from other California toll agencies, patron violation receivables, and interest.

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**(g) Capital Assets**

Capital assets include construction in progress, environmental mitigation sites, easements, the corridor operations facility, transponders, toll and violations collection equipment, toll booths, buildings, changeable message signs, vehicles, furniture, and construction in progress. Capital assets are defined by the Agency as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than five thousand dollars, with the exception of transponders, which are valued in total, and an estimated useful life in excess of three years. Such assets are recorded at cost.

The Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridors and the related purchases of right-of-way, for which title vests with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), are not included as capital assets because the Agency does not have title to such assets or right-of-way. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs and mitigation that do not add value to the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Assets that are determined to be impaired are recorded at the lower of cost or estimated net realizable value.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Asset type	Useful life
Toll booths and buildings	28 – 30 years
Changeable message signs	15 years
Toll revenue equipment	5 years
Vehicles	5 years
Other equipment and furniture	3 – 5 years

**(h) Deferred Revenue**

Deferred revenue represents prepaid tolls collected from patrons using FasTrak®, an electronic toll-collection system that allows drivers to pay tolls without stopping at a toll booth.

**(i) Revenue Recognition**

Toll revenue is recognized at the time the vehicle passes through the toll plaza. Other revenues are recognized when they are earned.

**(j) Allocation of Common Costs**

Expenses have been allocated between administration and construction costs, which are capitalized, in accordance with California Government Code Section 66484.3, paragraph (g). Under this section, the term “construction” is defined as design, acquisition of right-of-way, actual construction including, but not limited to, all direct and indirect costs of environmental, engineering, accounting, legal, administration of construction contracts, and other necessary services. Administration costs are

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defined as office, personnel, and other customary and normal expenses associated with the direct management and administration of the Agency. Administration expenses, as defined, are limited to a base amount adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.

Expenses directly related to the Agency were charged entirely to the Agency, and those incurred on behalf of both the Agency and SJHTCA were allocated between the two agencies based on the estimated benefit to each. In addition, the Agency also has amounts due from SJHTCA related to SJHTCA FasTrak® customers incurring tolls on the Agency's corridors and other expenses and has amounts due to SJHTCA related to the Agency's FasTrak® customers incurring tolls on State Route 73. At June 30, 2008, the Agency has a net payable due to SJHTCA of \$1,412 for such items.

**(k) Net Assets**

The Agency's net assets are classified into the following net asset categories:

**Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt** – Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and outstanding principal balances of debt attributable to the acquisition, construction, and improvement of those assets and assets contributed to Caltrans.

**Restricted** – Net assets subject to externally imposed conditions that can be fulfilled by the actions of the Agency or by the passage of time. These net assets relate primarily to restricted bond proceeds and certain revenues collected.

**Unrestricted** – All other categories of net assets.

**(l) Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of certain assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.



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**(3) Development Impact Fees**

The sources of net development impact fees (refunds) were the following for the year ended June 30, 2008:

City of Irvine	\$	7,858
County of Orange		777
City of Lake Forest		686
City of San Clemente		675
City of Tustin		492
City of Yorba Linda		447
City of Santa Ana		420
City of Anaheim		298
City of Mission Viejo		136
City of San Juan Capistrano		66
City of Orange		6
City of Rancho Santa Margarita		(17)
	\$	<u>11,844</u>

**(4) Cash and Investments**

Cash and investments as of June 30, 2008 are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

Cash and investments	\$	104,325
Current restricted cash and investments		81,089
Noncurrent restricted cash and investments		<u>443,158</u>
	\$	<u>628,572</u>

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Cash and investments as of June 30, 2008 consist of the following:

	<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>Investments</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cash on hand	\$ 118	—	118
Demand deposits	2,446	—	2,446
Money market	36,069	—	36,069
Commercial paper	—	56,014	56,014
Federal agency securities	—	43,388	43,388
Cash held with trustee	297,900	—	297,900
Investments held with trustee per debt agreements	24,177	168,460	192,637
Total	<u>\$ 360,710</u>	<u>267,862</u>	<u>628,572</u>

**(a) Cash Deposits**

**Custodial Credit Risk Related to Cash Deposits**

The custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that the Agency will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. This risk is mitigated in that, of the total cash balance, \$100 was insured by federal depository insurance, \$118 was cash on hand, \$38,415 was collateralized in accordance with Section 53652 of the California Government Code with securities held by the pledging financial institution in the Agency's name, and \$297,900 was in an investment agreement collateralized with securities held by the Agency's trustee in the Agency's name with a market value of at least 104% with respect to Government National Mortgage Association securities, and 105% with respect to Federal National Mortgage Association securities and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation securities.

At June 30, 2008, the carrying amount of the Agency's cash deposits was \$300,346, and the corresponding bank balance was \$301,473. The difference of \$1,127 was principally due to outstanding checks. The Agency's petty cash fund and toll change funds totaled \$118.

**(b) Investments**

**Credit Risk and Concentration of Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of an investment in a single issuer. The Agency mitigates these risks by holding a diversified portfolio of high-quality investments. The Agency's investment policy sets specific parameters by type of investment for credit quality, maturity length, and maximum percentage investment. Both the policy and the Agency's debt agreements state that, generally, all securities must be issued by companies with a long-term debt rating of at least "A" by two of the Nationally Recognized Rating

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Agencies (NRRA) or at least “AA” by one NRRA. The policy also indicates specific rating requirements for certain types of investments. Percentage limitations on specific types of securities are based on the purchase price of the security, as compared to the market value of the portfolio, at the time of purchase. The policy does not require sales in a portfolio for subsequent changes in market value of the total portfolio to avoid exceeding the prescribed allocation level.

The table below identifies the investment types that are authorized by the Agency’s investment policy. The table also identifies certain provisions of the Agency’s investment policy that addresses interest rate risk and concentration of credit risk. This table does not address investments of debt proceeds held by bond trustee that are governed by the provisions of debt agreements of the Agency, rather than by the general provisions of the Agency’s investment policy.

<u>Authorized investment type</u>	<u>Maximum maturity</u>	<u>Maximum percentage of portfolio*</u>	<u>Maximum investment in one issuer</u>	<u>Specific rating requirement</u>
U.S. Treasury bills, notes, and bonds	5 years	100%	100%	
Federal agency and U.S. government sponsored enterprise notes and bonds	5 years	100	25	
Federal agency mortgage- backed securities	5 years	20	20	
Negotiable certificates of deposit	5 years	30	30	“AA” or better by two NRRAs
Banker’s acceptances	180 days	30	25	Drawn on and accepted by a bank that is rated “AA” or better by two NRRAs
Commercial paper	270 days	15	10% of outstanding paper of an issuing corporation	P1, A1, F1, or D1 by two NRRAs

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<u>Authorized investment type</u>	<u>Maximum maturity</u>	<u>Maximum percentage of portfolio*</u>	<u>Maximum investment in one issuer</u>	<u>Specific rating requirement</u>
Repurchase agreements	90 days	25%	25%	
Reverse repurchase agreements	30 days	10	10	
Medium-term maturity corporate notes	5 years	30	30	
State of California Local Agency Investment Fund	N/A	15	30	
County or local agency investment pools	N/A	15	15	
Asset-backed securities	5 years	20	20	“AAA” by one NRRRA; issuer must have underlying rating of “A” or better from two NRRAs
Shares in a California common law trust	N/A	None	None	
Money market mutual funds	N/A	15	15	
Investment agreements	10 years	40	40	

\* Excluding amounts held by trustee, which are subject to provisions of the bond indentures.

At June 30, 2008, 5% or more of the Agency’s investments were in the U.S. Resolution Funding Corporation (RFCO), the Federal Home Loan Bank, and General Electric Capital Corporation as authorized by the Agency’s investment policy. These investments are 20%, 8%, and 5%, respectively, of the Agency’s total investments.

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Investment of debt proceeds and toll revenues held by the Agency's trustee are governed by provisions of the debt agreements, rather than by the general provisions of the California Government Code or the Agency's investment policy. The table below identifies the investment types that are authorized for these moneys.

<b>Investments authorized by debt agreements*</b>	<b>Specific rating requirement</b>
Government obligations (including U.S. Treasury strips and RFCO strips)	
Federal agency debt instruments	
Negotiable certificates of deposit insured by FDIC, BIF, and SAIF or secured by government obligations	Two highest ratings by two NRRAs
Banker's acceptances	Prime-1 or A3 or better by Moody's, A-1 or A or better by Standard & Poors (S&P), and if rated by Fitch, F-1 or A or better
Commercial paper	Prime-1 or better by Moody's and A-1 or better by S&P, and if rated by Fitch, F-1 or better
Repurchase agreements	A or better by both Moody's and S&P and, if rated by Fitch, A or better
Medium-term maturity corporate notes	One of the three highest applicable rating categories, or approved in writing, by S&P, and, if rated by Fitch, rated in one of the three highest applicable rating categories
Money market mutual funds	AAAm-G, AAA-m, or AA-m by S&P and, if rated by Moody's, Aaa, Aa1, or Aa2 and, if rated by Fitch, AAA or AA
Investment agreements	

\* Other investments may be allowed if the Agency certifies to the trustee that the investment was approved in writing by each rating agency, which has assigned a rating to the Agency's bonds, and by the Agency's bond insurer.

At June 30, 2008, all of the Agency's investments held were rated at or above the minimum required rating per the Agency's investment policy and debt agreements: the federal agency securities, U.S. Treasury bills, and U.S. Treasury strips that were held by the Agency were rated AAA by S&P and AAA by Moody's; the RFCO strips were rated AAA by Moody's; commercial paper was rated A1 by S&P and P1 by Moody's; the money market funds were rated AAA by S&P; and the

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counterparty to the investment agreement was rated AA by S&P, AA- by Fitch, and Aa2 by Moody's.

**Custodial Credit Risk**

Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that the Agency will not be able to recover the value of investment securities that are in the possession of an outside party. All securities owned by the Agency are deposited in the Agency's trustee bank, which is different from the Agency's primary bank, in the Agency's name. Securities are not held in broker accounts.

**Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Agency mitigates this risk by matching maturity dates, to the extent possible, with the Agency's expected cash flow.

A summary of the Agency's investments governed by both the Agency's investment policy and its bond agreements, including cash held with the trustee of \$297,900; money market funds of \$36,069; and investment held with trustee of \$24,177 that are considered cash equivalents held at June 30, 2008, is as follows:

Investment type	Fair value	Remaining maturity			
		12 months or less	13 to 24 months	25 to 60 months	More than 60 months
Investment agreement	\$ 297,900	—	297,900	—	—
RFCO strips	126,902	8,897	8,658	24,203	85,144
Federal agency securities	63,813	60,188	3,625	—	—
Commercial paper	58,023	58,023	—	—	—
Money market funds	36,069	36,069	—	—	—
U.S. Treasury bills	37,928	37,928	—	—	—
U.S. Treasury strips	5,373	—	—	—	5,373
Total	\$ 626,008	201,105	310,183	24,203	90,517

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**(5) Capital Assets**

Capital assets consist of the following:

	<b>Balance at beginning of year</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Transfers/ deletions</b>	<b>Balance at end of year</b>
Construction in progress	\$ 187,066	62,287	(980)	248,373
Right-of-way acquisitions, grading, or improvements	42,526	—	—	42,526
Furniture, equipment, and vehicles	124	35	—	159
Facility and toll revenue equipment	32,772	3,500	(1,928)	34,344
	<u>262,488</u>	<u>65,822</u>	<u>(2,908)</u>	<u>325,402</u>
Impairment loss on right-of-way acquisitions, grading, or improvements	(25,987)	—	—	(25,987)
Furniture and equipment accumulated depreciation	(27)	(28)	—	(55)
Facility and toll revenue equipment accumulated depreciation	(12,292)	(3,733)	1,928	(14,097)
	<u>\$ 224,182</u>	<u>62,061</u>	<u>(980)</u>	<u>285,263</u>

***Transfer of Ownership***

Ownership of the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor construction, right-of-way, grading, and improvements were transferred to Caltrans during the year ended June 30, 1999 upon satisfaction of all conditions contained within the Cooperative Agreements between the Agency and Caltrans. For the year ended June 30, 2008, the Agency incurred expenditures for improvements and enhancements to major thoroughfares already transferred to Caltrans. The improvements and enhancements are covered by separate project-specific Cooperative Agreements with Caltrans and are transferred on an ongoing basis. The balance of construction in progress represents capital improvements in progress, including the southern extension of State Route 241. Upon completion, these capital assets will also be transferred to Caltrans and recognized as a contribution expense.

**(6) Capitalized Bond Issuance Costs**

Capitalized bond issuance costs consist of legal costs, underwriting fees, printing costs, and other costs incurred to obtain, secure, and sell the Series 2007 fixed rate Subordinate Lien Toll Road Revenue Bonds (note 7). The issuance costs for the Series 2007 Bonds have an original cost of \$192 and will be amortized over the 37-month term of the bonds using the straight-line method. Accumulated amortization of these bond issuance costs total \$67 at June 30, 2008.

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**(7) Long-Term Obligations**

The following is a summary of changes in long-term obligations during the year ended June 30, 2008:

	<u>Balance at beginning of year</u>	<u>Additions/ accretions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance at end of year</u>	<u>Due within one year</u>
Series 2007 (fixed rate) Subordinate Lien Toll Road Revenue Bonds:					
Current Interest Bonds	\$ 10,300	—	—	10,300	—
Series 1999 Toll Road Refunding Revenue Bonds:					
Current Interest Bonds	784,895	—	(25,525)	759,370	31,360
Capital Appreciation Bonds	587,610	35,821	—	623,431	—
Convertible Capital Appreciation Bonds	613,259	36,487	—	649,746	—
Series 1995A (fixed rate) Senior Lien Toll Road Revenue Bonds:					
Current Interest Bonds	179,990	—	—	179,990	—
Total bonds payable	<u>\$ 2,176,054</u>	<u>72,308</u>	<u>(25,525)</u>	<u>2,222,837</u>	<u>31,360</u>

**(a) Toll Road Revenue Bonds**

In May 2007, the Agency issued term toll road revenue bonds (2007 Bonds) consisting of current interest bonds in the principal amount of \$10,300. The 2007 Bonds are junior and subordinate to the 1999 Bonds (1999 Refunding Bonds) and remaining 1995 bonds (1995 Unrefunded Bonds) and are collateralized by net revenues, as defined in the master indentures, consisting primarily of toll revenues less current expenses.

Interest on the 2007 Bonds is payable semiannually at a rate of 5.25%. The bonds mature on July 15, 2010. The bonds are subject to early redemption, at the option of the Agency, beginning July 15, 2008 by payment of accrued interest, principal, and if redeemed prior to July 15, 2009, a premium of 1.00%.

The 1999 Refunding Bonds were issued by the Agency in August 1999, and included serial, term, and capital appreciation toll road refunding revenue bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,588,144 consisting of current interest bonds in the principal amount of \$831,965, convertible capital appreciation bonds in the principal amount of \$388,223, and capital appreciation bonds in the principal amount of \$367,956. The 1999 Refunding Bonds are subordinate to the remaining 1995 Unrefunded Bonds of \$179,990 and are collateralized by net revenues, as defined in the master indentures, consisting primarily of toll revenues less current expenses.

The 1995 Unrefunded Bonds are current interest bonds. Interest on the bonds is payable semiannually at a rate of 5.00% and is capitalized through January 1, 2032. The bonds mature on



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January 1, 2035. The bonds are subject to early redemption, at the option of the Agency, beginning January 1, 2005 by payment of accrued interest and principal with no premium.

Interest on the 1999 current interest bonds is payable semiannually at rates ranging from 4.38% to 5.75%. The bonds mature in annual installments from January 15, 2004 to January 15, 2040. The bonds are subject to early redemption, at the option of the Agency, beginning January 15, 2010 by payment of accrued interest, principal, and a premium of up to 1.00%.

The 1999 capital appreciation bonds accrue interest at rates ranging from 5.63% to 6.09%, compounded semiannually. The bonds mature in annual installments from January 15, 2017 to January 15, 2038. The bonds are subject to early redemption, at the option of the Agency, beginning January 15, 2010 by payment of accrued interest, principal, and a premium of up to 2.00%.

The 1999 convertible capital appreciation bonds accrue interest at rates ranging from 5.80% to 5.88% compounded semiannually. Interest is payable semiannually based on accreted amounts commencing on January 15, 2010. The bonds mature in annual installments from January 15, 2020 to January 15, 2029. The bonds are subject to early redemption, at the option of the Agency, beginning January 15, 2014 by payment of accrued interest, principal, and a premium of up to 1.00%.

The master indentures of trust require the trustee to hold bond proceeds, toll revenues, and any other proceeds included in pledged funds for debt service. These moneys are included in the restricted cash and investments held by the trustee.

The following is a summary of the Agency's annual debt service requirements by fiscal year for the 1995 Senior Lien Toll Road Revenue Bonds, the 1999 Toll Road Refunding Bonds, and the 2007 Subordinate Lien Toll Road Revenue Bonds as of June 30, 2008:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>Total</u>
2009	\$ 31,360	51,072	82,432
2010	—	90,741	90,741
2011	14,840	90,092	104,932
2012	11,390	89,690	101,080
2013	15,705	88,990	104,695
2014 – 2018	162,547	468,116	630,663
2019 – 2023	304,740	604,240	908,980
2024 – 2028	435,702	409,143	844,845
2029 – 2033	343,866	775,424	1,119,290
2034 – 2038	358,867	936,785	1,295,652
2039 – 2040	543,820	32,284	576,104
	<u>\$ 2,222,837</u>	<u>3,636,577</u>	<u>5,859,414</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes payments on January 1 and January 15 of such fiscal year and July 1 and July 15 of the next fiscal year.

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Included in principal is \$516,998 related to accreted principal on convertible capital appreciation bonds and capital appreciation bonds.

The net proceeds of the 1999 Refunding Bonds plus additional 1995 series moneys were used to purchase U.S. government securities, which were placed in an irrevocable escrow fund to be used for the debt service payments related to the refunded bonds. As of June 30, 2008, the amount of the refunded bonds outstanding, which were previously eliminated in the financial statements as a result of the refunding, was \$831,629.

**(b) *Line of Credit***

The Agency obtained a line of credit from the Federal Highway Administration in the aggregate amount of \$120,000, available upon completion of the toll road. The agreement provides for borrowings of up to \$12,000 per year, which expires at the end of each year if not used, from the date of completion of the construction of the toll road and is scheduled to end on December 31, 2009. The available balance remaining as of June 30, 2008 is \$24,000. Borrowings are available only to the extent revenues from toll operations and standard reserves are less than necessary for debt service.

Borrowings under the facility for debt service shall bear interest at the 30-year U.S. Treasury Bond rate plus 48 basis points on the date such loans are made and are due within 30 years. Borrowings for operations shall bear interest at a corresponding U.S. Treasury note rate plus 48 basis points and are due within 3 years. At June 30, 2008, there were no borrowings outstanding on the line of credit.

**(8) Commitments and Contingencies**

**(a) *Toll Collection and Revenue Management System Agreements***

The Agency and SJHTCA entered into agreements with various contractors for a customer service center, hardware maintenance, toll collection systems operation and maintenance, toll attendant staffing and supervision, and violation processing. The agreements expire on various dates through October 31, 2015. Additionally, all agreements are cancelable by the Agency, without further obligation, upon written notice, generally within 90 days.

**(b) *Project Costs***

As of June 30, 2008, the Agency has outstanding commitments and contracts for remaining corridor construction of the southern extension of State Route 241 and improvements on existing construction of approximately \$39,177.

**(c) *Litigation***

The Agency is a defendant in various legal actions. Management believes that the ultimate resolution of these actions will not have a significant effect on the Agency's financial position or results of operations.

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**(d) Risk Management**

The Agency maintains insurance coverage for various risks, including but not limited to property, liability, earthquake, and flood coverage. Coverage is purchased at levels in accordance with the Agency's master indentures of trust.

**(e) Mitigation Payment and Loan Agreement**

On November 10, 2005, the Agency's board of directors, with the board of directors of the SJHTCA, entered into a Mitigation Payment and Loan Agreement (The Agreement). The terms of The Agreement call for the Agency to make payments totaling \$120,000 over four years to the SJHTCA to mitigate for anticipated loss of revenue due to the construction of the completion of the southern extension of State Route 241. The first four payments totaling \$90,000 were made to the SJHTCA as scheduled in November 2005, June 2006, June 2007, and June 2008. The remaining payment of \$30,000 is due on the first anniversary of the date the construction bonds are issued to construct the southern extension of State Route 241 or June 30, 2009, whichever comes first.

The Agency will also provide loans, on an as-needed basis, to SJHTCA up to \$1,040,000 to assist SJHTCA in achieving its debt service coverage of 1.3x. The Agreement provides that the Agency loans will be made only to the extent that surplus revenues are available. The Agreement also stipulates that the Agency will not be obligated to increase toll rates to ensure sufficient revenues are available and that any liens or revenue pledges required in order to finance the completion of the southern extension of State Route 241 and certain other capital projects would have priority over loans to the SJHTCA. Accrued interest will not count toward the \$1,040,000 principal limitation. Payments of accrued interest and outstanding principal will begin in the fiscal year when SJHTCA has a surplus in revenues that exceeds the amount needed to meet the debt coverage requirement. All principal and accrued interest will be due and payable on January 1, 2037 to the extent that SJHTCA has surplus revenues available to pay all amounts due. At June 30, 2008, no amounts were outstanding on the loan.

**(9) Corridor Operations Facility Lease**

In January 2000, the Agency, along with SJHTCA, relocated to the Corridor Operations Facility. At that time, a lease agreement was executed between the Agency (lessor) and SJHTCA (lessee). The lease agreement expires at the earliest occurrence of 1) dissolution of the Agency, 2) sale of the facility, or 3) dissolution of the SJHTCA. Future minimum lease payments receivable from SJHTCA under the lease agreement at June 30, 2008 are \$481 through June 30, 2009.

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**(10) Employees' Retirement Plan**

The Agency's employees participate in the Orange County Employees Retirement System (OCERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system established in 1945. OCERS provides for retirement, death, disability, and cost-of-living benefits and is subject to the provisions of the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 and other applicable statutes. The funding and trend information required by GASB Statement No. 27, *Accounting for Pensions by State and Local Government Employers*, for the Agency is not available; however, OCERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information.

Plan members contribute a percentage of their annual covered salary at actuarially determined rates based on the age of entry into the plan; however, the Agency pays up to 7% of the employee's required contribution. The Agency is also required to contribute a percentage of each employee's covered salary into the plan. The Agency has contributed 100% of its required contributions of approximately \$702, \$693, and \$476 to the plan for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006, respectively.

**(11) Transportation Corridor System**

In April 2003, the Agency and SJHTCA formed a joint powers agency, the Transportation Corridor System (TCS), to explore the possibility of purchasing the assets of both the Agency and SJHTCA and managing both toll roads as a single system. In August 2007, the TCS met to discuss a potential acquisition that would finance the purchase of the two Agencies through the issuance of new bonds. The proceeds of the sale of their assets would be used by the agency and SJHTCA to defease or extinguish existing debt. A decision by all three agencies' board of directors on whether the acquisition will occur is anticipated in the first half of FY 2009.