

CITY OF LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY RAILROAD
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY DISTRICT
Lincoln, Nebraska

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 AND 2008

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**CITY OF LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY RAILROAD
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY DISTRICT**

Lincoln, Nebraska

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of the City of Lincoln/Lancaster County Railroad Transportation Safety District's (the District's) financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (BUDGETARY BASIS)

The District's fund balance decreased \$524,361, the amount that expenditures exceeded receipts for the year.

The District's administrative costs increased \$592, grade crossing and project construction expenditures increased \$2,712,105.

Tax revenue amounting to \$4,882,462 for the year increased \$149,725 due to property valuation increases and collection of prior years' taxes.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities (on pages 5 and 6) provide information about the activities of the District as a whole and present a longer-term view of the District's finances. Fund financial statements start on page 7. These statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.

These statements include all assets and liabilities using the modified accrual basis of accounting, taking into account all of the District's current year revenues and expenditures regardless of when paid or received.

By showing the change in fund balance for the year, the reader may ascertain whether the District's financial condition has improved or deteriorated. The changes which are discussed in the Management's Discussion and Analysis may be financial or non-financial in nature. Non-financial factors which may have an impact on the District include changes in the District's property tax base and condition of the District's railroad crossings and intersections.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net assets of the District at June 30, 2009 and 2008, reflect assets over liabilities, and consist of:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Current assets	\$ 12,136,531	\$ 12,615,830
Current liabilities	<u>170,460</u>	<u>370,201</u>
Net assets	<u>\$ 11,966,071</u>	<u>\$ 12,245,629</u>

Net assets of the District decreased \$279,558 primarily due to less investment income and increased grade crossing protection expenditures.

Changes in net assets for the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, are as follows:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Revenues:		
Property taxes	\$ 4,576,981	\$ 4,651,825
Investment income	181,229	332,371
Other taxes	<u>350,542</u>	<u>136,352</u>
Total revenues	<u>5,108,752</u>	<u>5,120,548</u>
Expenses:		
Administrative	150,290	149,828
Project costs	<u>5,238,020</u>	<u>3,066,164</u>
Total expenses	<u>5,388,310</u>	<u>3,215,992</u>
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenses	(279,558)	1,904,556
Net Assets, July 1,	<u>12,245,629</u>	<u>10,341,073</u>
Net Assets, June 30,	<u>\$ 11,966,071</u>	<u>\$ 12,245,629</u>

Project costs for the year ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, include the following:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Harris overpass	\$ 3,562,647	\$ 1,824,534
Southwest 40th	142,978	600,000
Antelope Valley - Phase I	500,000	500,000
Quite Zone - 33rd & 70th	114,752	54,091
Quite Zone - South Salt Creek	66,578	10,447
Quite Zone - 14th & Yankee Hill	61,748	5,261
Hickman overpass	359,371	3,055
Haymarket	200,000	-
Miscellaneous	5,350	16,213
Grade crossings	<u>224,596</u>	<u>52,563</u>
	<u>\$ 5,238,020</u>	<u>\$ 3,066,164</u>

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Project expenditures were below budgeted costs by \$10,067,058 primarily due to projects being delayed to future periods.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

The District does not invest or retain any capital assets. The project costs are on behalf of Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln, and are accounted for on their respective financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The District officials consider many factors when setting the fiscal year 2009-2010 budget and tax rates. One of those factors is the levy limitations on the District. Since the State of Nebraska legislative bill LB1306 limits the District's tax request to \$.026 per \$100 of property valuation, increased property tax revenue is dependent on increase in assessed property valuation. The District's budgeted expenditures are limited to cash resources available plus current year property tax revenue.

The District's levy rate approved by the Lancaster County Commissioners for 2009-2010 is \$.026 per \$100 of assessed property valuation.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens and taxpayers with a general overview of the District's finances and to show its accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Engineering Services, Public Works and Utilities (acting District administrator), 531 Westgate Boulevard, Suite 100, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68528.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
City of Lincoln/Lancaster County Railroad
Transportation Safety District
Lincoln, Nebraska

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the City of Lincoln/Lancaster County Railroad Transportation Safety District, Lincoln, Nebraska (the District), as of June 30, 2009 and 2008, and for the years then ended as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide 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 City of Lincoln/Lancaster County Railroad Transportation Safety District, Lincoln, Nebraska, as of June 30, 2009 and 2008, and the results of its operations for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated August 24, 2009, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audits.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 1 through 3 and 16, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America. 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.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that comprise the District's basic financial statements. The schedules presented on pages 18 through 21 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Lincoln, Nebraska
August 24, 2009

Micek & Crouch, P.C.

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STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS
June 30, 2009 and 2008

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Assets:		
Cash	\$ 4,023,001	\$ 7,829,614
Cash on deposit - County treasurer	388,290	371,833
Property taxes receivable	2,057,113	2,012,052
Investments	<u>5,668,127</u>	<u>2,402,331</u>
Total assets	12,136,531	12,615,830
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	<u>170,460</u>	<u>370,201</u>
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 11,966,071</u>	<u>\$ 12,245,629</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
For the Years Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Primary Government:		
Expenses:		
Administration services	\$ 45,439	\$ 44,581
Office supplies and expenses	628	638
Audit and budget	7,888	8,146
Legal	3,048	2,378
Insurance	301	2,082
Bank charges	10	24
Travel	1,971	3,532
Commission - County treasurer	91,005	88,447
Grade crossing protection	224,596	52,563
Project construction	5,013,424	3,013,601
Total expenses	<u>5,388,310</u>	<u>3,215,992</u>
General revenues:		
Tax revenue	4,927,523	4,788,177
Investment income	181,229	332,371
Total general revenues	<u>5,108,752</u>	<u>5,120,548</u>
Change in net assets	(279,558)	1,904,556
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>12,245,629</u>	<u>10,341,073</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 11,966,071</u>	<u>\$ 12,245,629</u>

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BALANCE SHEETS
June 30, 2009 and 2008

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 4,023,001	\$ 7,829,614
Cash on Deposit - County Treasurer	388,290	371,833
Property Taxes Receivable	2,057,113	2,012,052
Investments	<u>5,668,127</u>	<u>2,402,331</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 12,136,531</u>	<u>\$ 12,615,830</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 170,460	\$ 370,201
Deferred revenue	<u>209,362</u>	<u>204,080</u>
Total liabilities	379,822	574,281
Fund Balance	<u>11,756,709</u>	<u>12,041,549</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 12,136,531</u>	<u>\$ 12,615,830</u>

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RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE TO NET
ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
For the Years Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Total Governmental Fund Balance	\$ 11,756,709	\$ 12,041,549
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Some of the District's taxes will be collected after year-end but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds	<u>209,362</u>	<u>204,080</u>
Net Assets of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 11,966,071</u>	<u>\$ 12,245,629</u>

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STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
For the Years Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Revenues:		
Tax revenue	\$ 4,922,241	\$ 4,782,607
Investment income	181,229	332,371
Total revenues	<u>5,103,470</u>	<u>5,114,978</u>
Expenditures:		
Administration services	45,439	44,581
Office supplies and expenses	628	638
Audit and budget	7,888	8,146
Legal	3,048	2,378
Insurance	301	2,082
Bank charges	10	24
Travel	1,971	3,532
Commission - County treasurer	91,005	88,447
Grade crossing protection	224,596	52,563
Project construction	5,013,424	3,013,601
Total expenditures	<u>5,388,310</u>	<u>3,215,992</u>
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	(284,840)	1,898,986
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>12,041,549</u>	<u>10,142,563</u>
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u>\$ 11,756,709</u>	<u>\$ 12,041,549</u>

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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Years Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Net Change in Governmental Fund Balance	\$ (284,840)	\$ 1,898,986
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Some of the District's taxes will be collected after year-end but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds	<u>5,281</u>	<u>5,570</u>
Change in Net Assets of Government Activities	\$ <u><u>(279,559)</u></u>	\$ <u><u>1,904,556</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Years Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

- a) Organization: The City of Lincoln/Lancaster County Railroad Transportation Safety District (the District) was formed on May 30, 1971, by the State of Nebraska, per legislative bill 919, for the purpose of inaugurating, developing and negotiating for programs which may involve the constructing, reconstructing, leasing, maintaining, or selling of work or works of public transportation improvement relating to railroads, conducive to the public health, safety, convenience or welfare in a county in which is located a city of primary class.

The District coordinates these public transportation improvements between the City of Lincoln and the County of Lancaster, but is an entity distinctly separate from both. Although board members and directors concurrently share their positions with that of the City and County, the District has the authority to levy taxes, issue bonds, and enter into contracts on its own.

- b) Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements: The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the statement of net assets and statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues. There were no program revenues for the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008.

- c) Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation: The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when they occur and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (when they become measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The District considers property taxes as available if they are collected within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are recorded when the general fund liability is incurred. The District reports deferred revenue on its balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period, such as uncollected property taxes from prior years' assessment. In subsequent years, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the Years Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued):

- d) Fund Accounting: The accounts of the District are maintained on the basis of fund accounting for its only fund type, the general fund. The general fund is the operating fund of the District, which accounts for all financial resources of the District. There are no general fixed assets as they are supplied through the interlocal contract administration agreement with the City of Lincoln, Nebraska.
- e) Revenue – Exchange Transactions: Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On the modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the District, available means expected to be received within 60 days of fiscal year-end.
- f) Expenses and Expenditures: On an accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable.
- g) Cash and investments are stated at cost, which approximates market. At June 30, 2009 and 2008, the District's cash accounts amounted to \$4,023,001 and \$7,829,614, respectively, and its bank balances amounted to \$4,018,431 and \$8,571,289, respectively.

The June 30, 2009 and 2008, bank balance is categorized as follows:

Category 1 - Insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or U.S. Government in the amount of \$509,248 and \$204,498, respectively.

Category 2 - Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the District's name in the amount of \$3,509,183 and \$8,366,791, respectively.

Statutes authorize the District to invest in certificates of deposit, savings accounts, and other available bank investments provided that approved securities are pledged to secure those funds on deposit in an amount equal to the amount of those funds. In addition, the District can invest in direct debt securities of the United States unless such an investment is expressly prohibited by law.

Investments of \$5,668,127 and \$2,402,331 at June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, were invested in certificates of deposit and federal agency obligations in various financial institutions located in the District.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the Years Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued):

The District's investments consist of the following:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 4,958,127	\$ 1,700,000
Federal Agency Obligations	<u>710,000</u>	<u>702,331</u>
	<u>\$ 5,668,127</u>	<u>\$ 2,402,331</u>

The District's investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the District at fiscal year-end. The categories are described as follows:

Category 1 - Insured or registered, or securities held by the District or its agent in the District's name.

Category 2 - Uninsured or unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the District's name.

Investments are categorized by level of risk for the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, are as follows:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Category 1	\$ 1,960,000	\$ 1,202,331
Category 2	<u>3,708,127</u>	<u>1,200,000</u>
	<u>\$ 5,668,127</u>	<u>\$ 2,402,331</u>

The following institution held 5 percent or more of Category 2 investments:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Union Bank and Trust Company	\$ 450,000	\$ 600,000
American National Bank	1,677,319	600,000
West Gate Bank	<u>2,322,477</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 4,449,796</u>	<u>\$ 1,200,000</u>

- h) Comparative data for the prior year have been presented in the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in the District's financial position and operations.
- i) The use of estimates are required to present the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- j) The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the District purchases commercial insurance. During the year ended June 30, 2009, the District did not reduce insurance coverages from coverage levels in place as of June 30, 2008. No settlements have exceeded coverage levels in place during 2009 and 2008.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the Years Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

Note 2 - Interlocal Contract Administration Agreement:

In accordance with an interlocal agreement with the City of Lincoln, the City provides administrative services and shared location to the District on an annual basis. Renumeration is based upon 25% of the City of Lincoln engineer's compensation, including social security expense and fringe benefits, and reimbursement to the City the cost of salary and fringe benefits for clerical services for the District.

The District also enters into various interlocal agreements with the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, to assist in the design, construction, maintenance, sale or lease of such works of the District, and other activities in furtherance of the objectives of the District.

Total payments to the City of Lincoln for the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, were \$5,037,569 and \$3,026,258, respectively.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY RAILROAD
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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET
(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2009

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues:		
Property taxes	\$ 4,884,435	\$ 4,537,203
Interest and penalty on back taxes	-	13,034
Property tax credit	195,348	195,682
Homestead exemption	-	111,241
Motor vehicle prorate	3,000	20,656
In lieu of tax - Housing	2,000	1,348
Carline	-	3,298
Investment income	-	181,229
Total revenues	<u>5,084,783</u>	<u>5,063,691</u>
Expenditures:		
Administrative:		
Administration services	42,500	45,457
Office expenses	1,000	723
Accounting and budget	8,000	7,888
Legal	6,500	3,048
Meeting and travel	4,500	1,971
Insurance	400	311
Contractual services	4,000	-
County treasurer commission	95,773	91,005
Total administrative expenditures	<u>162,673</u>	<u>150,403</u>
District projects:		
Railroad crossing improvements	250,000	185,372
Capital improvement - Construction	15,242,437	5,252,277
Total District projects expenditures	<u>15,492,437</u>	<u>5,437,649</u>
Total expenditures	<u>15,655,110</u>	<u>5,588,052</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(10,570,327)	(524,361)
Fund Balance, Beginning (Non GAAP Budgeting Basis)	<u>10,603,777</u>	<u>10,603,778</u>
Fund Balance, Ending (Non GAAP Budgeting Basis)	<u>\$ 33,450</u>	<u>10,079,417</u>
Adjustments to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles:		
Revenue accruals		2,057,114
Expenditure accruals		(170,460)
Net Assets, Ending (GAAP Basis)		<u>\$ 11,966,071</u>

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NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
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Note 1 - Budgets and Budgetary Accounting: The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements: The Board of Directors proposes an operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1st. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means to finance them. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments. Prior to September 20th, the budget is legally enacted through passage by the Board of Directors. Any revisions that alter the total expenditures of the District must be approved by public hearings.

The general fund budget is adopted on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is not in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Adjustments have been made to adjust actual amounts to a modified cash basis for comparison.

Unused appropriation for all of the above annually budgeted funds lapse at the end of year.

The budget amounts shown in the financial statements are the final authorized amounts as of the beginning of the year.

Note 2 - Property Tax:

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are payable in two installments on April 1 and August 1. The County bills and collects property taxes and remits to the District as requested by the board of directors. District property tax revenues are recognized in the year they are levied.

Delinquent taxes are considered fully collectible and therefore no allowance for uncollectible taxes is provided.

The tax rate is subject to County Board approval. The tax rate to finance the District for the year ended June 30, 2009, was .026 per \$100 upon the actual valuation of \$18,786,286,695.

Note 3 - District Projects:

The Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget (Non-GAAP Budgeting Basis) and Actual reports expenditures for District projects as being over budgeted by \$10,067,058. This was primarily the result of the construction projects delayed to future periods.

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SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNT WITH COUNTY TREASURER
For the Year Ended June 30, 2009

Balance per County Treasurer's Records, July 1, 2008		\$	371,833
Add - Receipts:			
Real estate taxes	\$	4,537,203	
Interest and penalty on back taxes		13,034	
Property tax credit		195,682	
Homestead exemption		111,241	
Motor vehicle prorate		20,656	
Carline		3,298	
In lieu of tax		1,348	
		<u> </u>	<u>4,882,462</u>
Total to account for			5,254,295
Deduct - Disbursements:			
Transfers to District		4,775,000	
County treasurer commission		91,005	
		<u> </u>	<u>4,866,005</u>
Balance, per County Treasurer's Records, June 30, 2009		\$	<u><u>388,290</u></u>

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
June 30, 2009

<u>Number</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Cost/ Market Value</u>
Certificates of Deposit:			
Heartland Bank:			
9462	4.01	07-26-09	\$ 100,000
West Gate Bank:			
72499	2.00	01-01-10	100,000
19688668	1.25	10-21-09	2,222,477
Union Bank and Trust Company:			
3130	2.70	08-22-09	300,000
3502	2.70	09-22-09	200,000
3096	2.30	01-01-10	100,000
806389	2.70	09-27-09	100,000
American National Bank:			
1045697	1.88	11-28-09	735,650
941885	0.95	02-12-10	1,000,000
Farmers & Merchants Bank:			
74619	1.39	06-20-10	<u>100,000</u>
Total Certificates of Deposit			4,958,127
Federal Agency Obligation:			
Federal Home Loan Bank Note:			
61308	1.027	05-13-10	<u>710,000</u>
			<u>\$ 5,668,127</u>

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SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE COVERAGE
June 30, 2009

Insurance Coverage Data

General Liability	Bodily injury	\$ 500,000 each occurrence/ 1,000,000 aggregate
	Property damage	500,000 each occurrence/ 1,000,000 aggregate
	Fire damage	100,000 any one fire
	Medical	5,000 any one person
Public Employees Blanket Bond	-	500,000 aggregate

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VALUATIONS, RATES, EXTENSIONS, COLLECTIONS AND NET TAXES RECEIVABLE
 June 30, 2009

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Valuations	\$ <u>18,786,286,695</u>	<u>18,343,871,223</u>	\$ <u>18,045,787,841</u>	\$ <u>15,932,331,879</u>
Rates	<u>.026000</u>	<u>.026000</u>	<u>.024587</u>	<u>.026000</u>
Extensions	\$ <u>4,884,435</u>	<u>4,769,407</u>	\$ <u>4,437,000</u>	\$ <u>4,142,406</u>
Collections	<u>2,831,379</u>	<u>4,766,887</u>	<u>4,436,085</u>	<u>4,141,784</u>
Net Taxes Receivable	\$ <u><u>2,053,056</u></u>	<u><u>2,520</u></u>	\$ <u><u>915</u></u>	\$ <u><u>622</u></u>
Percent Taxes Receivable	<u><u>42%</u></u>	<u><u>0%</u></u>	<u><u>0%</u></u>	<u><u>0%</u></u>

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Directors
City of Lincoln/Lancaster County Railroad
Transportation Safety District
Lincoln, Nebraska

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities of the City of Lincoln/Lancaster County Railroad Transportation Safety District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated August 24, 2009. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the District's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the District's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the District's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended for the information and use of the audit committee, management, and the State of Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Mick & Crouch, P.C.