# Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas

# **Savings Plan Annual Financial Statements**

Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

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# **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Participants and Management of Metropolitan Transit Authority Savings Plan

# Report on the Basic Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Savings Plan (the "Plan"), which comprise the Statements of Fiduciary Net Position as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position for the years then ended, and the related Notes to the basic financial statements.

# Management's Responsibility for the Basic Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these basic financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP); this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of basic financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

# Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the basic financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Plan's preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the basic financial statements.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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# **Opinion**

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the statements of fiduciary net position of the Plan as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and statements of changes in fiduciary net position therein for the years then ended, in accordance with US GAAP.

## **Other Matters**

# Required Supplementary Information

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US GAAP requires that the management's discussion and analysis, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the Plan's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the Plan's basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the Plan's basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with US GAAS, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the Plan's basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the Plan's basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Houston, Texas March 26, 2021

# Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

# Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

This discussion and analysis section provide an overview of the performance of the Metropolitan Transit Authority (METRO) Savings Plan (Plan) and should be read in conjunction with the basic financial statements and other information found in this report.

The Plan is a single employer, 401(a) savings plan that was established on January 1, 2002. This Plan provides a method for eligible employees not covered by the collective bargaining agreement to save tax deferred dollars toward retirement by depositing annually up to two weeks of their unused vacation time. Contributions were deposited into individual employee accounts maintained by a third-party record-keeper. Investment options consisted of multiple funds as listed on pages 4 and 5 below. Due to a change in this program, no additional contributions have been made since January 15, 2016 with the number of participants declining from 125 in 2016 to 111 in 2019. Employees covered by the collective bargaining agreement do not participate in this Plan since they are paid 100% of their unused vacation balance annually.

Additional retirement programs include a 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan, Defined Benefit Union and Non-Union Pension Plans and a 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan. Separate audited financial reports are available for these plans by contacting the Office of the Controller, Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas, P.O. Box 61429 Houston, Texas 77208-1429.

# **Financial Highlights**

Withdrawals increased during 2019 by 56 thousand or 184.6 percent and decreased during 2018 by \$25 thousand or 44.7 percent. The changes over the last three years in the withdrawal amounts relates to the number of participants terminating employment with METRO and transferring their balances to other retirement accounts.

Total assets / plan fiduciary net position increased during 2019 by \$208 thousand or 12.5 percent and decreased during 2018 by \$82 thousand or 4.7 percent. The changes over the last three years in total assets/plan fiduciary net position generally relates to investment returns which were driven by significant changes in market conditions and offset by withdrawals.

The summary of fiduciary net position and changes in fiduciary net position lists the additions and deductions that when netted equals the total assets/plan fiduciary net position. The values and related changes during the last three plan years consist of:

# **Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)**

	2019			2018	2017		
<b>Summary of Plan fiduciary net position:</b>							
Assets:	_		_		_		
Investments, at fair value	\$	1,841,124	\$	1,629,672	\$	1,718,091	
Notes receivable from participants		30,040		33,245		26,621	
Total assets / Plan fiduciary net position	\$	1,871,164	\$	1,662,917	\$	1,744,712	
Changes in Plan fiduciary net position:							
Additions:							
Investment income/ (loss):							
Net appreciation/ (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$	198,440	\$	(163,917)	\$	110,015	
Interest and dividend income		95,831		111,827		76,223	
Total investment gain/ (loss)		294,271		(52,090)		186,238	
Interest on notes receivable from participants		1,951		1,634		1,619	
Net additions/ (reductions)		296,222		(50,456)		187,857	
Deductions:							
Withdrawals		(86,733)		(30,472)		(55,119)	
Administrative expenses		(1,242)		(867)		(820)	
Total deductions		(87,975)		(31,339)		(55,939)	
Changes in Plan fiduciary net position		208,247		(81,795)		131,918	
Beginning of the year		1,662,917		1,744,712		1,612,794	
End of the year	\$	1,871,164	\$	1,662,917	\$	1,744,712	

The following table presents information of participant loans during Plan years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	 2019	2018
Beginning balance – January 1st	\$ 33,245	\$ 26,621
New loans issued	24,717	25,532
Interest assessed	1,951	1,634
Loan payments	(25,689)	(16,556)
Distributed loans	 (4,184)	 (3,986)
Ending balance – December 31st	\$ 30,040	\$ 33,245

# Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

# **Fund Performance**

The gain/(loss) in the value of the Plan's assets during the last two years primarily relate to market returns and withdrawals. The following table provides a three-years comparison of investment returns:

		2019		2	018	2017		
Investment Name	Ticker	Annual Return	Market Benchmark	Annual Return	Market Benchmark	Annual Return	Market Benchmark	
Great-West Lifetime 2015 Fund								
Inst	MXNYX	15.53%	N/A	-4.03%	N/A	11.54%	N/A	
Great-West Lifetime 2020 Fund								
Inst	MXAKX	16.80%	N/A	-4.58%	N/A	12.81%	N/A	
Great-West Lifetime 2025 Fund								
Inst	MXQBX	18.43%	N/A	-5.41%	N/A	14.56%	N/A	
Great-West Lifetime 2030 Fund Inst	MXAYX	20.52%	N/A	-6.41%	N/A	16.60%	N/A	
Great-West Lifetime 2035 Fund	MAAIA	20.3270	N/A	-0.4170	IN/A	10.0076	IN/A	
Inst	MXTBX	22.58%	N/A	-7.56%	N/A	18.69%	N/A	
Great-West Lifetime 2040 Fund		22.0070	1.1.12	7.0070	1,111	10.0570	1,111	
Inst	MXBGX	24.18%	N/A	-8.39%	N/A	19.78%	N/A	
Great-West Lifetime 2045 Fund								
Inst	MXWEX	25.14%	N/A	-9.00%	N/A	20.76%	N/A	
Great-West Lifetime 2050 Fund								
Inst	MXBSX	25.28%	N/A	-9.21%	N/A	21.16%	N/A	
Great-West Lifetime 2055 Fund	MYZIIV	25 100/	NI/A	0.420/	NI/A	21 240/	NI/A	
Inst	MXZHX	25.19%	N/A	-9.42%	N/A	21.24%	N/A	
Great-West MFS Intl Value Inst	MXJVX	22.43%	20.01%	-15.30%	-13.79%	26.93%	25.03%	
American Funds New Perspective R6	RNPGX	30.48%	20.01%	-5.56%	-13.79%	29.30%	25.03%	
American Funds New World R6	RNWGX	28.03%	20.01%	-11.97%	-13.79%	33.06%	25.03%	
Franklin Mutual International R6	FIMFX	14.89%	20.01%	-17.40%	-13.79%	14.11%	25.03%	
Oppenheimer International	1 11/11 71	11.0770	20.0170	17.1070	13.7570	1 1.1170	23.0370	
Growth I	OIGIX	29.16%	20.01%	-19.22%	-13.79%	27.15%	25.03%	
Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index								
Admiral	VTIAX	21.51%	20.01%	-14.43%	-13.79%	27.55%	25.03%	
Nuveen Real Estate Securities I	FARCX	25.56%	N/A	-5.51%	N/A	5.61%	N/A	
Franklin Gold & Precious Metals								
Adv.	FGADX	51.87%	N/A	-17.89%	N/A	0.05%	N/A	
MFS Technology R6	MTCLX	36.23%	N/A	1.94%	N/A	38.90%	N/A	
Vanguard REIT Index Adm	VGSLX	28.94%	N/A	-5.95%	N/A	4.94%	N/A	
Columbia Small Cap Index A	NMSAX	22.30%	25.52%	-8.95%	-11.01%	12.81%	14.65%	
Janus Henderson Venture N	JVTNX	30.98%	25.52%	-6.46%	-11.01%	24.45%	14.65%	
Undiscovered Mgrs Behavioral Value R6	UBVFX	23.34%	25.52%	-15.20%	-11.01%	13.53%	14.65%	
Ariel Appreciation Fund	CAAPX	24.60%	26.20%	-13.20%	-11.01%	15.33%	16.24%	
Janus Enterprise Fund T	JAENX	35.06%	26.20%	-1.05%	-11.08%	26.35%	16.24%	
Vanguard Mid Cap Index Admiral	VIMAX	31.03%	26.20%	-9.23%	-11.08%	19.25%	16.24%	
Columbia Contrarian Core Instl 3	COFYX	33.08%	31.49%	-8.81%	-4.38%	21.89%	21.83%	
Columbia Dividend Income Adv	CVIRX	28.17%	31.49%	-4.41%	-4.38%	20.80%	21.83%	
Great-West S&P 500 Index Fund	CVIKA	20.17/0	31.49/0	-4.41/0	-4.3670	20.8070	21.0370	
Inv	MXVIX	30.84%	31.49%	-4.89%	-4.38%	21.18%	21.83%	
Pioneer Fundamental Growth K	PFGKX	34.40%	31.49%	-0.20%	-4.38%	23.19%	21.83%	
American Funds American								
Balanced R6	RLBGX	19.55%	N/A	-2.42%	N/A	15.84%	N/A	
Fidelity Puritan	FPURX	21.25%	N/A	-4.16%	N/A	18.74%	N/A	
BlackRock High Yield Bond	BRHYX	15.58%	8.72%	-2.76%	0.01%	8.31%	3.54%	

# Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

		2019		2	2018	2017		
Investment Name	Ticker	Annual Return	Market Benchmark	Annual Return	Market Benchmark	Annual Return	Market Benchmark	
Portfolio K								
Columbia US Government								
Mortgage Instl	CUGYX	6.97%	8.72%	2.11%	0.01%	3.37%	3.54%	
JPMorgan Global Bond								
Opportunities R6	GBONX	10.73%	8.72%	-1.74%	0.01%	6.98%	3.54%	
Metropolitan West Total Return								
Bond Pl	MWTSX	9.23%	8.72%	0.29%	0.01%	3.49%	3.54%	
MFS Emerging Markets Debt R6	MEDHX	14.17%	8.72%	-4.91%	0.01%	9.63%	3.54%	
Vanguard Inflation-Protected Secs								
Adm	VAIPX	8.16%	8.72%	-1.39%	0.01%	2.91%	3.54%	
Vanguard Interm-Term								
Investment-Grade	VFIDX	10.49%	8.72%	-0.47%	0.01%	4.27%	3.54%	
Vanguard Total Bond Market								
Index Adm	VBTLX	8.71%	8.72%	-0.03%	0.01%	3.57%	3.54%	
Great-West Guaranteed Interest								
Fund	N/A	1.75%	N/A	1.80%	N/A	1.70%	N/A	

# **Plan Fees**

The Plan charges fees to participants' account for investment management, advisory and record-keeping services. that are directly offset from the investment funds' earnings. The fees vary by investment fund and are calculated based on the fund's daily asset value. According to the Fee Disclosure Report provided by Empower as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, the estimated fees was as follows:

# **December 31, 2019**

Service	Annual Estimate		ited Average er Participant	Estimated Percentage of Total Assets
Payments to Investment Providers	\$	7,784	\$ 70.00	0.42%
Payments to Recordkeeper		507	5.00	0.03%
Payments to Others		3,786	34.00	0.20%
Total Payment Estimate	\$	12,077	\$ 109.00	0.65%

# **December 31, 2018**

Service	Annual Estimate	ted Average r Participant	Estimated Percentage of Total Assets
Payments to Investment Providers	\$ 7,215	\$ 62.00	0.43%
Payments to Recordkeeper	360	3.00	0.02%
Payments to Others	3,609	31.00	0.22%
Total Payment Estimate	\$ 11,184	\$ 96.00	0.67%

For a copy of the complete Fee Disclosure Report, please contact the Plan Administrator, Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas, P.O. Box 61429, Houston, Texas 77208-1429.



# Statements of Fiduciary Net Position December 31, 2019 and 2018

Assets:		2019	 2018
Investments, at fair value	\$	1,841,124	\$ 1,629,672
Notes receivable from participants		30,040	 33,245
Total assets	1,871,164		 1,662,917
Fiduciary net position:		_	
Restricted for pensions	\$	1,871,164	\$ 1,662,917

# Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019	2018
Additions:		
Investment income/ (loss):		
Interest and dividend income	\$ 95,831	\$ 111,827
Net appreciation/ (depreciation) in fair value of investments	198,440	(163,917)
Total investment income/ (loss)	294,271	(52,090)
Interest on notes receivable from participants	1,951	1,634
Total additions	296,222	(50,456)
Deductions:		
Withdrawals	(86,733)	(30,472)
Administrative expenses	(1,242)	(867)
Total deductions	(87,975)	(31,339)
Changes in Plan fiduciary net position	208,247	(81,795)
Fiduciary net position – restricted for pensions:		
Beginning of the year	1,662,917	1,744,712
End of the year	\$ 1,871,164	\$ 1,662,917

## **Notes to the Basic Financial Statements**

#### 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of Metropolitan Transit Authority (METRO) Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

## General

The Plan is a single employer, 401(a) savings plan that is determined to be a profit-sharing plan that meets the requirements for qualification under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Plan is not covered by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

## **Eligibility**

The Plan was established to assist METRO's full-time non-union employees to defer unused vacation hours into retirement savings for future use. Full-time non-union employees can participate in the Plan after eight years of service on their anniversary date. The Plan became effective for full-time non-union employees on January 1, 2002 and was amended and restated as of January 1, 2009. Effective January 1, 2016, the Plan was frozen for new entrants. After December 31, 2015, existing participants no longer can contribute except when a request for contribution was made to METRO's human resources before December 31, 2015. Terminated employees can remain in the Plan but can no longer contribute to their account.

The following table presents information of Plan participants during plan years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018:

Participants	2019	2018
Participants – January 1st	117	120
Less: Terminated participants who removed funds	(6)	(3)
Participants – December 31st	111	117

## Contributions

Although employer contributions into the Plan are permitted, contributions to the Plan were only made by participants in the past. These contributions were authorized by employees filing an "Application for 401(a) Plan" through Human Resources Department. The last contribution to the Plan occurred on January 15, 2016.

# Participants' Accounts

Each participant who elected to contribute unused vacation pay has an individual 401(a) savings account which tracks contributions made by employees, investments they purchased/sold and related fees. Participants elected their investment during the application process. Ultimately, participants control how funds in their accounts are invested in the available investment line-up.

## Vesting

The Participants are immediately vested in their contribution.

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# Participant Loans

The Plan permits participant loans. Only active employees may request a Plan loan but must have a minimum account balance of \$2,000 to be eligible. The minimum loan amount is \$1,000 with a maximum amount of \$50,000 or 50 percent of account balance whichever is less. If a participant has an outstanding loan, the maximum loan amount available must be reduced by the highest loan balance during the past 12 months. A participant may have up to two loans at one time as long as the loan repayments are submitted via payroll deduction and are identified separately. A loan origination fee of \$50 is deducted from the loan amount.

The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. Two types of loans are available: (1) general purpose loan with a term of one to five years and (2) a principal residence loan with a term of six to fifteen years. Loans bear interest at a fixed rate equal to 2 percent over the Prime Rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the first business day of the month before the loan is originated for the life of the loan.

## Plan Administration and Fees

METRO is the Plan Administrator with the general administration and record keeping services provided by Empower Retirement, a subsidiary of Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company. Fees associated with administration, recording keeping, money managers and discretionary managed account services are paid from the participants accounts.

#### Payment of Benefits

A participant's account balance in the Plan is available upon severance from METRO's service, attainment of age 70 and a half, or upon death. Upon termination from METRO, or attainment of age 70 and a half, funds may be rolled over into an eligible retirement plan (as defined in the Code), or an IRA. Plan participants age 65 and above, are eligible to take distributions, without penalty, while still in service with METRO. Distributions are only made in cash in one lump sum payment or as a direct rollover into an eligible retirement plan (as defined in the Code), or an IRA.

# 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Plan are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

# Basis of Accounting

The Plan's basic financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. No contributions are allowed into the Plan since the Plan was frozen effective January 1, 2016. Investment income is recorded when earned and reported net of investment and administrative fees. Distributions are recorded when paid.

## **Investment Policy**

The Plan's investment policy is focused on providing resources for participants to save for retirement. Participants can choose among 40 mutual funds that cover a wide range of investment strategies and customize their investment portfolio based on their personal risk tolerance levels and financial goals. To assist participants, implement and monitor their long-term investment strategy, online

## **Notes to the Basic Financial Statements**

administrative and investment tools are provided by the Plan's record-keeper and service provider Empower Retirement, previously known as Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company.

# **Investment Valuation**

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value, which is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

# Participants Accounts and Income Recognition

Changes in the value of Participant's account relate to interest and dividends earned, investments sales and changes in market value. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are processed the evening of the execution date and recorded with a drop date on the next business day. Interest is credited to participant-guaranteed accounts based on the rate communicated by Empower. Share values of mutual funds are received from the National Security Clearing Corporation, Interactive Data Corporation or the mutual fund company.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of the Plan's financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported in the Plan's financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## 3. CUSTODIAL CREDIT RISK

For investments, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Plan will not be able to recover the value of their investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of the outside party. Investment securities are exposed to custodial credit risk if the securities are uninsured, are not registered in the name of the Plan, and are held by either the counterparty or the counterparty trust department. All Plan's investments are held by the individual mutual funds and guaranteed interest funds' asset custodians in the Plan's name and therefore, are not exposed to custodial credit risk.

# 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Plan categorizes its fair value hierarchy as established by U.S. GAAP. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. In determining fair value, the Plan utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible in its assessment of fair value.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value:

Investments disclosed as Level 1 includes individual mutual funds and those that invest in multiple mutual funds (fund to funds) when the underlying fund is actively traded on a nationally recognized stock exchange.

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Investment disclosed as Level 2 represent funds invested in Great-West Guaranteed Interest Funds (the "Interest Funds") whose investment value represents contributions made by participants to the Interest Funds, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses.

All investments are recorded at their net asset value (unit value) and calculated daily after the close of the current trading day by each mutual fund. This value is used to calculate the daily ending investment balance for each participant and to price investment transactions settling at the end of the day.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, a summary of the Plan's investments measured at fair value as of December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018:

# 2019 Fair Value Measurement Based on Reporting Hierarchy

	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total	
Mutual funds:								
Domestic stock funds*1	\$	435,679	\$		\$	-	\$	435,679
International stock funds*2		80,875		-		-		80,875
Balanced fund*3		119,609		-		-		119,609
Target retirement date funds*4		543,136		-		-		543,136
Specialty funds*5		153,666		-		-		153,666
Bond funds*6		216,278		-		-		216,278
Great-West Guaranteed Interest Funds		-		291,881		-		291,881
Total investments, at fair value	\$	1,549,243	\$	291,881	\$	-	\$	1,841,124

# 2018 Fair Value Measurement Based on Reporting Hierarchy

	Level 1	]	Level 2	J	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds:						
Domestic stock funds*1	\$ 389,782	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 389,782
International stock funds*2	52,197		-		-	52,197
Balanced fund*3	96,789		-		-	96,789
Target retirement date funds*4	482,430		-		-	482,430
Specialty funds*5	130,276		-		-	130,276
Bond funds*6	163,186		-		-	163,186
Great-West Guaranteed Interest Funds	-		315,012		-	315,012
Total investments, at fair value	\$ 1,314,660	\$	315,012	\$	-	\$ 1,629,672

## **Notes to the Basic Financial Statements**

#### \*1. Domestic stock funds

Columbia Small Cap Index Fund (Class A) seeks total return before fees and expenses that corresponds to the total return of the S&P SmallCap 600 Index (Index). The Index tracks the performance of 600 domestic companies traded on major stock exchanges. The Index is heavily weighted with the stocks of companies with small market capitalizations.

Ariel Appreciation Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing in mid-capitalization undervalued companies that show strong potential for growth. This Fund invests primarily in equity securities of U.S. companies and generally in companies with market capitalizations between \$2 billion and \$15 billion, measured at the time of initial purchase. The essence of this Fund's strategy is a combination of patience and stock selection.

Janus Henderson Enterprise Fund (T Class) seeks long-term growth of capital by investing primarily in common stocks selected for their growth potential, and normally invests at least 50 percent of its equity assets in medium-sized companies. Medium-sized companies are those whose market capitalization falls within the range of companies in the Russell Midcap Growth Index. The portfolio managers look at companies one at a time to determine if a company is an attractive investment opportunity and if it is consistent with the Fund's investment policies.

Columbia Dividend Income Fund (Advisor Class) seeks total return, consisting of current income and capital appreciation by investing at least 80 percent of its net assets (including the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in a diversified portfolio of income-producing (dividend-paying) equity securities, which will consist primarily of common stocks but also may include preferred stocks and convertible securities. This Fund invests principally in securities of companies believed to be undervalued but also may invest in securities of companies believed to have the potential for long-term growth. This Fund may invest in companies that have market capitalizations of any size.

Janus Henderson Venture Fund (N Class) seeks capital appreciation by using a research-driven investment process focused on identifying quality small-cap companies with differentiated business models and sustainable competitive advantages. This Fund pursues its investment objective by investing at least 50 percent of its equity assets in small-sized companies and in larger companies with strong growth potential. This Fund is designed for long-term investors seeking an equity portfolio, including common stock.

Undiscovered Managers Behavioral Value Fund (R6 Class) seeks to provide capital appreciation by investing in common stocks of U.S. companies that the Fund's sub-advisor, Fuller & Thaler Asset Management, Inc, believed were mispriced based on behavioral biases. Fuller & Thaler believes that behavioral biases on the part of investors may cause the market to overreact to old, negative information and underreact to new, positive information concerning a company. They generally utilize a three-pronged approach that includes (i) positive signals such as significant share purchases by company insiders or stock repurchase activity by the company, (ii) evidence of overreaction due to behavioral factors that have resulted in an absolute or relative decline in valuation and (iii) analysis of the company fundamentals with regard to business model, valuation and credit risk.

Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund (Admiral Shares) seeks to track the performance of a benchmark index that measures the investment return of mid-capitalization stocks. The Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the CRSP US Mid Cap Index, a broadly diversified index of stocks of mid-size U.S. companies. The Fund attempts to replicate the target index by investing all, or substantially all, of its assets in the stocks that make up the Index, holding each stock in approximately the same proportion as its weighting in the Index.

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Columbian Contrarian Core Fund (Institutional 3 Class) seeks total return, consisting of long-term capital appreciation and current income by investing at least 80 percent of its net assets in equity securities of U.S. companies that have large market capitalizations that its investment manager believes are undervalued and have the potential for long-term growth and current income. The Fund may also invest up to 20 percent of its net assets in foreign securities.

Great-West S&P 500 Index Fund (Investor Class) seeks investment results that track the total return of the common stocks that comprise the Standard & Poor's ("S&P") 500 Index (Index). The Fund will invest at least 80 percent of its net assets in common stocks included in the Index. The Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of the 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy. It is widely regarded as the best single gauge of the large cap U.S. equities market.

Pioneer Fundamental Growth Fund (K Class) seeks long-term capital growth by investing at least 80 percent of its net assets in equities of large companies included in the Russell 1000 Growth Index (Index). The Index is a large capitalization index that measures the performance of those companies in the Russell 1000 Index with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

#### \*2. International Stock Funds

Great-West MFS International Value Fund (Institutional Class) seeks long-term capital growth by investing at least 80 percent of its net assets (plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in equity securities. This Fund invests primarily in companies outside the U.S., including those in emerging markets.

American Funds New Perspective Fund (R6 Class) seeks to provide long-term capital growth with a secondary goal of future income by taking advantage of investment opportunities generated by changes in international trade patterns and economic and political relationships by investing in common stocks of companies located around the world. In pursuing its primary investment objective, the Fund invests primarily in common stocks that the investment adviser believes have the potential for growth. In pursuing its secondary objective, the Fund invests in common stocks of companies with the potential to pay dividends in the future.

American Funds New World Fund (R6 Class) seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in common stocks of companies with significant exposure to countries with developing economies and/or markets. The Fund may also invest in debt securities of issuers, including issuers of lower rated bonds with exposure to these countries. In determining whether a country is qualified, the Fund's investment adviser will consider such factors as the country's per capita gross domestic product, the percentage of the country's economy that is industrialized, market capital as a percentage of gross domestic product, the overall regulatory environment, the presence of government regulation limiting or banning foreign ownership, and restrictions on repatriation of initial capital, dividends, interest and/or capital gains.

Franklin Mutual International Fund (R6 Class) seeks capital appreciation with a secondary goal of income by investing at least 80 percent of its net assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers. The investment manager focuses the Fund's investments on securities believed to be available at market prices less than their value based on certain recognized or objective criteria (intrinsic value). The Fund invests primarily in equity securities of Asian and European companies that the investment manager believes are undervalued.

Oppenheimer International Growth Fund (I Class) seeks capital appreciation by investing in the common stock of growth companies that are domiciled or have their primary operations outside of the United States. It may invest 100 percent of its assets in securities of foreign companies. The Fund may invest in emerging markets as well as in developed markets throughout the world.

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Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund (Admiral Shares) seeks to track the performance of a benchmark index that measures the investment return of stocks issued by companies located in developed and emerging markets, excluding the U.S. The Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index, a float-adjusted market-capitalization-weighted index designed to measure equity market performance of companies located in developed and emerging markets. The Index includes approximately 6,013 stocks of companies located in 48 markets. The Fund invests all, or substantially all, of its assets in the common stocks included in its target index.

#### \*3. Balanced Funds

Fidelity Puritan Fund seeks income and capital growth consistent with reasonable risk. This Fund invests approximately 60 percent of assets in stocks and other equity securities and the remainder in bonds and other debt securities, including lower-quality debt securities, when its outlook is neutral and invests at least 25 percent of total assets in fixed-income senior securities. This Fund invests in domestic and foreign issuers and growth and/or value stocks.

American Funds American Balanced Fund (Class R6) seeks to conserve capital, current income and long-term growth of capital and income by using a balanced approach to invest in a broad range of securities, including common stocks and investment-grade bonds with a wide range of maturities. The fund also invests in securities issued and guaranteed by the U.S. government and by federal agencies and instrumentalities. Normally the fund will maintain at least 50 percent of the value of its assets in common stocks and at least 25 percent of the value of its assets in debt securities, including money market securities.

# \*4. Target Retirement Date Funds

Great-West Lifetime 2015 Fund; Great-West Lifetime 2020 Fund; Great-West Lifetime 2025 Fund; Great-West Lifetime 2030 Fund; Great-West Lifetime 2035 Fund; Great-West Lifetime 2040 Fund; Great-West Lifetime 2045 Fund; Great-West Lifetime 2050 Fund; and Great-West Lifetime 2055 Fund (Institutional Class) seek capital appreciation and income consistent with their current asset allocation. Each Fund invests in a professionally selected mix of underlying funds that is tailored for investors planning to retire in, or close to 2015, 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, 2045, 2050 or 2055 (which is assumed to be at age 65), respectively.

#### \*5. Specialty Funds

Franklin Gold and Precious Metals Fund seeks capital appreciation, with current income as its secondary goal, by investing at least 80 percent of its net assets in securities of gold and precious metals operation companies located anywhere in the world, and in general invests predominantly in non-U.S. companies. This Fund looks for companies with established track records as well as those having low-cost reserves to bring into production, particularly companies with attractive production profiles, strong reserve bases and active exploration programs that can potentially drive future reserve and production growth.

Nuveen Real Estate Securities Fund seeks to provide above average income potential and long-term capital appreciation by investing 80 percent of the sum of its net assets and the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes in income-producing common stocks of publicly traded companies engaged in the real estate industry. These companies derive at least 50 percent of their revenues or profits from the ownership, construction, management, financing or sale of real estate, or have at least 50 percent of the fair market value of their assets invested in real estate. A majority of this Fund's total assets will be invested in real estate investment trusts ("REITs"). REITs are publicly traded corporations or trusts that invest in residential or commercial real estate.

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MFS Technology (Class R6) seeks capital appreciation by investing at least 80 percent of the Fund's net assets in securities of issuers principally engaged in offering, using or developing products, processes, or services that will provide or will benefit significantly from technological advances and improvements. These issuers are in such fields as computer systems and software, networking and telecommunications, internet, business services, and electronics.

Vanguard REIT Index (Admiral Shares) seeks to provide a high level of income and moderate long-term capital appreciation by tracking the performance of a benchmark index that measures the performance of publicly traded equity REITs and other real estate-related investments. The Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the MSCI US REIT Index, an index that is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index comprised of equity real estate investments trusts (REITs). REITs are companies that in most cases own and operate income producing real estate assets.

## \*6. Bond Funds

MFS Emerging Markets Debt Fund (Class R6) seeks total return with an emphasis on high current income, but also considering capital appreciation. This Fund normally invests at least 80 percent of its net assets in debt instruments of issuers that are tied economically to emerging market countries. Emerging market countries are countries whose financial and capital markets are in the development phase and include countries located in Latin America, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and developing countries of Europe, primarily Eastern Europe.

BlackRock High Yield Bond Portfolio Fund (Class K shares) seeks to maximize total return, consistent with income generation and prudent investment management. The Fund invests primarily in non-investment grade bonds with maturities of ten years or less. The Fund normally invests at least 80 percent of its assets in high yield bonds.

Columbia US Government Mortgage Fund (Class Inst3) seeks to provide shareholders with current income as its primary objective and, as its secondary objective, preservation of capital. Under normal circumstances, at least 80 percent of the Fund's net assets (including the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) are invested in mortgage-related securities. Mortgage-related securities include those that are either issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. Government, its agencies, authorities or instrumentalities (U.S. Government Securities), those issued by non-U.S. governments, as well as residential and commercial mortgage-backed securities issued by non-governmental entities.

JP Morgan Global Bond Opportunities Fund (Class R6) seeks to provide total return by investing across sectors in developed and emerging markets located around the world. J.P. Morgan Investment Management Inc. has broad discretion to shift the Fund's exposure to strategies, sectors, countries or currencies based on changing market conditions and its view of the best mix of investment opportunities.

Metropolitan West Total Bond Plan Fund seeks to maximize long-term return by investing in a diversified portfolio of fixed-income securities of varying maturities with a portfolio duration of two to eight years. The Fund's dollar-weighted average maturity is expected to range from two to fifteen years. The Fund invests in the U.S. and abroad, including emerging markets, and may purchase securities of varying maturities issued by domestic and foreign corporations and governments.

Vanguard Inflation-Protected Securities Fund (Admiral Class) seeks to provide inflation protection and income consistent with investment in inflation-indexed securities by investing at least 80 percent of its assets in inflation-indexed bonds issued by the U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities, and corporations. The Fund may invest in bonds of any maturity; however, its

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dollar-weighted average maturity is expected to be in the range of 7 to 20 years. At a minimum, all bonds purchased by the Fund will be rated investment-grade or, if unrated, will be considered by the advisor to be investment-grade.

Vanguard Intermediate-Term Investment-Grade Fund (Admiral Shares) seeks to provide a moderate and sustainable level of current income by investing in a variety of high-quality and, to a lesser extent, medium-quality fixed income securities, at least 80 percent of which will be short- and intermediate-term investment-grade securities. The Fund is expected to maintain a dollar-weighted average maturity of 5 to 10 years.

Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (Admiral Shares) seeks to track the performance of a broad, market-weighted bond index. The Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index. This Index represents a wide spectrum of public, investment-grade, taxable, fixed income securities in the United States—including government, corporate, and international dollar-denominated bonds, as well as mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities—all with maturities of more than 1 year. The Fund maintains a dollar-weighted average maturity consistent with that of the Index, which generally ranges between 5 and 10 years.

#### 5. UNALLOCATED PLAN ASSET ACCOUNT

Settlement payments and other amounts received by the Plan, which the record-keeper cannot quickly record to a participant's account are transferred to an unallocated plan asset account within the Plan until the record-keeper can determine where to properly record the funds. On December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Plan's unallocated Plan asset account balance was \$265 and \$261, respectively.

## 6. TERMINATED PARTICIPANTS

As of December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Plan had 38 and 37 terminated vested participants who had account balances totaling \$579,827 and 441,393, respectively. These participants can no longer contribute, and their account balances are adjusted only for fees, investment earnings and withdrawals.

# 7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The costs of administering the Plan is paid with the monthly administrative fee charged to participant accounts, an annualized asset-based fee assessed to the Plan's investment funds, and interest earned on assets held in the Plan's custodial account which is administered by the Plan's custodian.

## 8. INCOME TAX STATUS

The Plan received its latest favorable letter of determination dated July 9, 2014 from the Internal Revenue Service stating the Plan qualifies as a tax-exempt plan and trust. The Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

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## 9. PLAN TERMINATION

METRO as Plan Sponsor has the right to amend, suspend, or terminate the Plan if the amounts of the Participant's balances are not affected. METRO also has the right to add or eliminate any investment option, in whole or in part.

## 10. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan provides for participant directed investments that are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments and the level of uncertainty related to the changes in the value of investments, it is at least reasonably possible, that changes in the near term could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Statements of Fiduciary Net Position and the Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position.

# 11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan's management has evaluated subsequent events through March 26, 2021; the date the Plan's financial statements were available to be issued. No changes were made, or are necessary to be made, to the Plan's financial statements, as a result of this evaluation.

Effective July 2020, the Plan changed the Trustee from Wells Fargo Bank to Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company.