



Butler County Regional Transit Authority



2023

Annual Report



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WHO WE ARE

BCRTA’s mission is to support Butler County’s quality of life and economic development through public transportation solutions.

BCRTA was created by the Butler County Commissioners in 1994 as a public agency in accordance with Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 306 to be governed by a nine-member Board of Trustees appointed by the Butler County Commissioners with the intention of resulting in a coordinated transportation program that better meets the needs of the residents of the county to:

- Provide access to health and human and services programs.
- Better foster the economic development and vitality of the county by providing better access to jobs, education, shopping, government services.
- Conserve energy and reduce pollution.
- Become the designated grantee (designated by the Ohio Governor) for federal and state transportation funds within the Cincinnati Urbanized Area of Butler County.
- Serve as a broker of transportation services for various county boards and agencies that wish to contract with the BCRTA to manage their transportation needs.

OUR BOARD



CHRIS LAWSON
President



PERRY GORDON
Vice President



NICK BAUER



YASMEN BROWN-JONES



DAVID FEHR



JIM FOSTER



DANNEL SHEPARD



COREY WATT



KATHY WYENANDT

DEAR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS,

Reflecting on 2023, we are filled with immense pride for the strides we've made in connecting and empowering Butler County residents through innovative public transportation solutions. Our team's dedication and creativity have truly delivered on our promise.

This year, we deepened our community connections with the debut of three new StreetSpark Buses and a partnership with Middletown City Schools to teach public transit. We were also honored with the veterans transportation contract from The Butler County Veterans Service Commission (BCVSC), enhancing our service to those who have served.

Innovation was at the forefront in 2023. We launched the new BGo and BCare apps, improving our scheduling software and user experience. Service improvements in Oxford have optimized transit routes, providing more efficient and reliable options for our riders.

Perhaps most importantly, we provided **44,831 more rides than last year**, marking a **+9% increase in total rides** compared to 2022. This impressive growth underscores our efforts to elevate and expand our services. Our efforts culminated in receiving the Auditor of State Award, underscoring our commitment to financial transparency and fiscal responsibility.

The achievements of 2023 have strengthened our ability to provide reliable, accessible and sustainable transportation. As we look ahead, we are excited to build on this momentum, further engaging our workforce, attracting new riders and leveraging partnerships to deliver an exceptional transit experience.

To our staff, riders and community — thank you. Together, we have accomplished so much and will continue to enhance the quality of life and economic vitality of Butler County.



CHRIS LAWSON
Board President



MATTHEW DUTKEVICZ
Executive Director

2023 By the Numbers

99
EMPLOYEES

444,657 FIXED-ROUTE RIDES

47,352 DEMAND-RESPONSE RIDES

492,009 TOTAL RIDES

⬆️ +9% INCREASE IN TOTAL RIDES*

*Compared to 2022 Total Rides



FLEET MAKE-UP

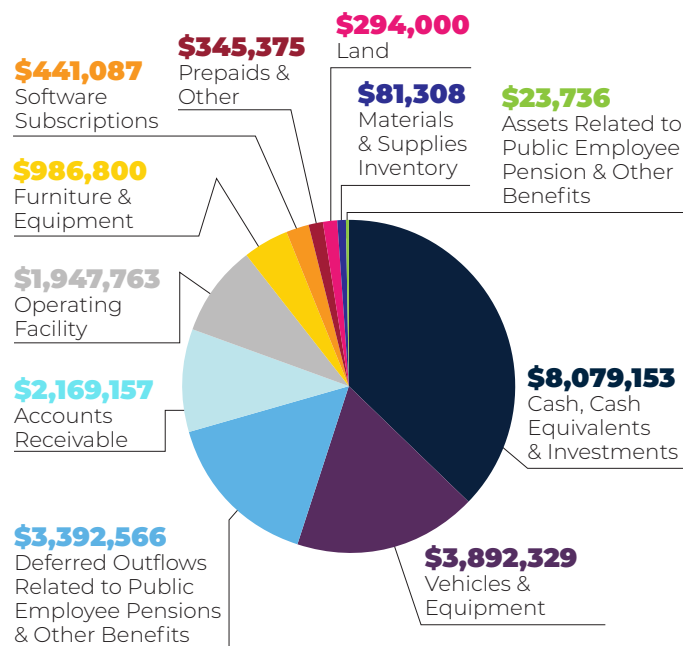
27 HEAVY DUTY
PASSENGER
COACHES

14 LIGHT DUTY
PASSENGER
COACHES

9 MOBILITY AID
ACCESSIBLE
MINIVANS

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

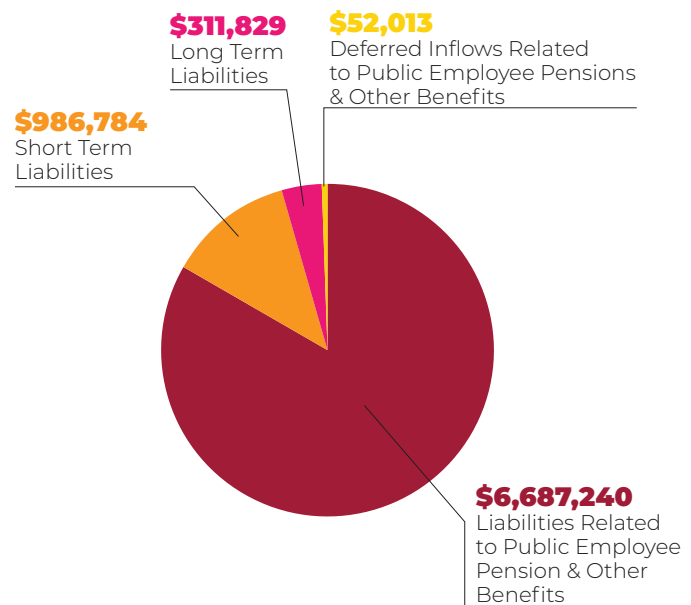
ASSETS



*Asset values shown are net of accumulated depreciation and amortization.

\$21,653,274 TOTAL

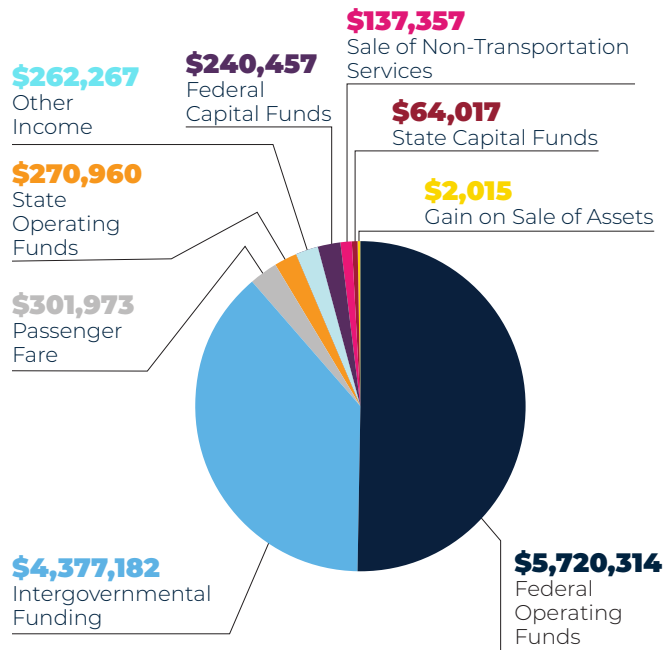
LIABILITIES



\$8,037,866 TOTAL

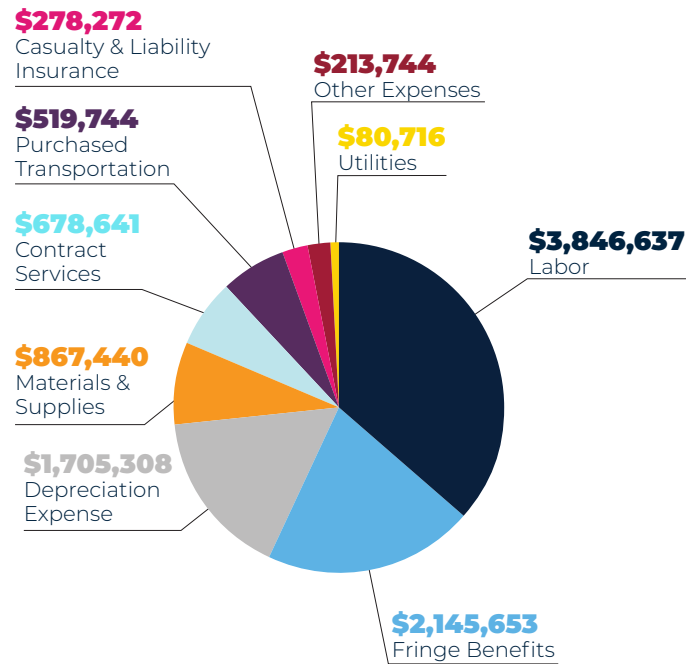
STATEMENT OF REVENUE

REVENUE SOURCES



\$11,376,542 TOTAL

OPERATING EXPENSES



\$10,336,155 TOTAL



****\$6,717** OPERATING GAIN (LOSS)

\$12,902,578 NET POSITION, END OF 2022

\$13,615,408 NET POSITION, END OF 2023

**Includes Net Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits Offset.



Our Impact

Throughout 2023, our unwavering dedication to Butler County was evident in every ride we provided. Each day, from the first to the last bus, we connected thousands of community members to their destinations, supporting their daily needs and aspirations. This year, we went above and beyond, fostering stronger community ties and contributing to the county's economic vitality.

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY

DEBUT OF THREE NEW STREETSPARK BUSES

BCRTA unveiled three new StreetSpark buses in partnership with the Fitton Center for the Arts, Hamilton Community Foundation, the City of Hamilton and the StreetSpark program. Each adorned with vibrant, community-inspired artwork, these buses not only enhance the aesthetic of our fleet but also celebrate local creativity and foster a sense of community pride.



PARTNERSHIP WITH MIDDLETOWN CITY SCHOOLS

We partnered with Middletown City Schools to educate staff and students about using public transit. This initiative represents a continuation of BCRTA's education efforts and reinforces the importance of public transportation in our communities. Together, we're promoting sustainable transportation habits and empowering the younger generation to navigate the community with confidence.



AWARDED VETERANS TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

BCRTA was awarded a contract with the Butler County Veterans Service Commission to provide transportation services for veterans. This partnership underscores our commitment to supporting those who have served our country, ensuring they have reliable access to essential services. Since 2017, BCRTA has provided more than 24,000 veteran trips.



FIRST-EVER "BEHIND THE WHEEL" HIRING EVENT

In April, BCRTA hosted its inaugural "Behind the Wheel" Hiring Event to attract and recruit new drivers. This event provided an interactive platform for potential candidates to learn about career opportunities, reflecting our ongoing efforts to strengthen and expand our team.



ELEVATING OUR SERVICE

LAUNCH OF BGO AND BCARE APPS WITH VIA

In 2023, BCRTA launched the new BGo and BCare apps, integrating with Via to upgrade our scheduling software. Via is a scheduling and dispatching software that allows for optimized trip scheduling and efficient routing of transit vehicles. The upgraded system, along with the launch of the new apps, has provided our riders with an elevated experience through simplified trip bookings, schedule management and vehicle tracking.

IMPROVEMENTS TO OXFORD TRANSIT ROUTES

We implemented significant improvements to transit routes in Oxford by increasing frequency during peak service hours. These changes optimize service for Miami University and the surrounding community, providing more efficient and reliable transportation options for students and residents alike.



LEADING OUR INDUSTRY

CONSTRUCTING THE CHESTNUT STREET MULTIMODAL STATION

We awarded the construction contract to Graybach LLC for the Chestnut Street Multimodal Station and Shared Services Facility, marking a significant step toward enhancing transportation infrastructure. This state-of-the-art facility will serve as a key hub, promoting seamless connectivity within the region. The contract is for a single prime contractor in the amount of \$23,692,150, making it the largest infrastructure project in BCRTA history.

PREPARATION FOR CINCYLINK COMMUTER SERVICE

In partnership with the City of Middletown, BCRTA is preparing the launch of its newest commuter service starting January 2, 2024.



LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI UNIVERSITY

BCRTA entered into a 40-year lease agreement with Miami University for the Chestnut Street Multimodal Station. This partnership strengthens the relationship between BCRTA and the university, while simultaneously ensuring the facility's successful integration into the community.

OUR TRANSITION TO PROPANE FUEL

BCRTA was one of 10 transit agencies in Ohio to receive a grant from the Federal Transit Administration to support a pilot project for transitioning our small bus fleet to propane vehicles. This funding underscores our commitment to sustainability, enabling us to reduce emissions and promote environmentally friendly transportation solutions.

2023 AUDITOR OF STATE AWARD

The Ohio Auditor of State Award is a coveted distinction conferred upon organizations that exemplify the highest financial transparency and accountability standards. BCRTA has emerged as one of the top performers in the state, with only 6% of the 600 audited entities earning this accolade.





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