

Retirement Plan for Bargaining Units of StarTran, Inc.

Funding Valuation for 2021 Plan Year as of January 1, 2021

GASB 68 Valuation for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021 Reflecting December 31, 2020 Measurement Date

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# **Summary Story**

Funding Ratios				
Asset Basis	1/1/2020	1/1/2021		
Actuarial Value (4 Year Smoothing)	52.06%	55.15%		
Market Value (GASB 68)	54.38%	60.11%		

Contributions					
(\$ Millions)		2020		2021	
Actuarially Determined	\$	4.0	\$	4.0*	
Actual Made/Planned	\$	4.0	\$	4.0	

Net Liability (GASB 68 Accounting)				
(\$ Millions)	12/	31/2019	12	/31/2020
Pension	\$	29.6	\$	26.1

Annual GASB 68 Expense				
(\$ Millions)		2020		2021
Pension	\$	4.0	\$	2.6

<sup>\*</sup> Based on funding policy adopted December 17, 2019, the actuarially determined contribution under this policy is the Normal Cost plus the greater of 1) \$4 million minus the non-investment administrative expenses incurred during the year, and 2) closed-period 18-year amortization of the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability as of January 1, 2021 with 3% annual increases.



# Key Observations for 2021 Valuation

- Market Value of Assets (MVA) and Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA) performed better than assumed 6.75%. The MVA actual return was 14.6% compared to 10.0% on the AVA. The Actuarial Value of Assets earned a lower return because of smoothing and deferred recognition of the 2020 actuarial gains on the MVA.
- Assumptions:
  - EROA lowered from 6.75% to 6.50% consistent with capital market expectations;
  - Discount rates for Funding and GASB also lowered to 6.50% consistent with EROA, driving liabilities higher;
  - Mortality improvement scale changed from MP-2019 to MP-2020, which slightly decreased liabilities
- Data: Slight liability loss due to experience in 2020
- Funding level: If the plan sponsor contributes \$4 million annually per the funding policy and actual plan experience is equal to assumed, the plan would be expected to become fully funded on the actuarially determined contribution basis in 9 years.

#### Things to Consider for 2022

- Review EROA assumption
- Review asset allocation and consider de-risking strategy
- **Experience Review** of demographic assumptions



#### **Census Data**

	Januar	y 1, 2020	Janu	ıary 1, 2021
Active Participants				
Number		153		137
Average Age		54.7		55.4
Average Service (eligibility service for early retirement)		15.2		15.5
Account Balances	\$ 2	2,784,797	\$	2,345,836
nactives With Deferred Benefits				
Number <sup>1</sup>		308		292
Average Current Age		55.9		56.5
nactives Receiving Payment				
Number <sup>2</sup>		521		548
Average Current Age		67.8		68.5
Average Monthly Benefit	\$	709	\$	704
Total Participants				
Number		982		977

<sup>1</sup> As of January 1, 2020, this includes 23 beneficiaries with deferred benefits. As of January 1, 2021, this includes 22 beneficiaries with deferred benefits.

<sup>2</sup> As of January 1, 2020, this includes 38 beneficiaries receiving payments. As of January 1, 2021, this includes 50 beneficiaries receiving payments.



# Market Value of Assets

Changes in Market Value of Assets (\$ Millions)						
٩ <u>[</u> []]	12/31/2019 Value	\$	35.3			
\$ <u>°</u>	Benefits	_	5.0			
\$	Expenses	_	0.2	Administrative (non-investment) expenses only		
\$ <u>a</u>	Contributions	+	4.0			
×	Return	+	5.3	15% annual return during 2020 net of investment expenses		
R	12/31/2020 Value =	= \$	39.4			



### Historical Results: Actuarial vs Market Rates of Return



Asset Returns



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### Historical Results: Actuarial Accrued Liability vs Actuarial Value of Assets





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# **Qualified Pension Expense**

	Fiscal Year Ending		al Year Ending
Net Pension Liability	 9/30/2020	9/	30/2021
(1) Pension Liability			
(a) Retired Participants and Beneficiaries			
Receiving Payment	\$ 47,336,418	\$49,6	32,012
(b) Terminated Vested Participants	8,597,558	8,1	94,551
(c) Active Participants	8,949,976	7,6	86,162
(d) Total	\$ 64,883,952	\$65,5	512,725
(2) Plan Fiduciary Net Position	35,284,632	39,3	82,730
(3) Net Pension Liability	\$ 29,599,320	\$26,1	29,995
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total			
(4) Pension Liability	54.38%		60.11%
Deferred Outflow of Resources for Contributions Made			
(5) After Measurement Date	\$ 0	\$	0

Expense	Fiscal Ye Endi 9/30/20	ng	E	l Year Inding 0/2021
(1) Service Cost	\$	0	\$	0
(2) Interest Cost	4,322,20	03	4,21	4,154
(3) Expected Investment Return	(2,054,22	28)	(2,34	1,691)
(4) Employee Contributions		0		0
(5) Administrative Expense	205,49	91	22	0,001
(6) Plan Changes		0		0
(7) Amortization of Unrecognized				
(a) Liability (Gain)/Loss	32,70	03	16	4,257
(b) Asset (Gain)/Loss	172,96	58	(87	4,373)
(c) Assumption Change (Gain)/Loss	1,279,92	22	1,23	5,860
(8) Total Expense	\$ 3,959,05	59	\$ 2,61	8,208

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## 2022 GASB 68 Expense Estimate

		Esti	imated Fiscal Yea	r Endii	ng 9/30/2022
	Fiscal Year Ending 2021 (DR = 6.50%)		DR = 6.50%		DR = 6.25%
1. Service Cost	\$ 0	\$	0	\$	0
2. Interest Cost	4,214,154		4,073,882		4,073,882
3. Expected Investment Return	(2,341,691)		(2,509,784)		(2,509,784)
4. Employee Contributions	0		0		0
5. Administrative Expense	220,001		200,000		200,000
6. Plan Changes	0		0		0
7. Amortization of Unrecognized					
a. Liability (Gain)/Loss	164,257		0		0
b. Asset (Gain)/Loss	(874,373)		(972,000)		(972,000)
c. Assumption Change (Gain)/Loss	1,235,860		0		1,467,289
8. Miscellaneous/Other Changes	0		1,000,000		1,000,000
9. Total Expense	\$ 2,618,208	\$	1,792,098	\$	3,259,387

#### <u>Notes</u>

- The above estimates are only intended to provide general orders of magnitude. Actual liability gains or losses in 2022 will be fully recognized in 2022 expense.
- Discount rate for Estimated FYE 2022 assumes \$4M is contributed until full funding reached.
- Assumes no future demographic or asset gains/losses.
- Other assumptions consistent with September 30, 2021 GASB 68 valuation.



# Key Assumptions and Methods

Assumption	2021 Plan Year
Discount Rate	6.50%
Cost Method	Unit Credit Cost Method
Mortality	Healthy: Pub-2010 General Employees Table projected with Scale MP-2020 Disabled: Pub-2010 General Disabled Table projected with Scale MP-2020
Retirement/Termination Rates for Active Participants	Rates vary by age, sex, and service. See valuation report for more details
Form of Payment for Commencements for Active Participants	Participants are assumed to elect the maximum lump sum distribution available plus a 10 Year Certain and Life Annuity (the Normal Form)
Commencement Age and Form of Payment for Terminated Vested Participants	Earliest eligibility for retirement; payment form assumption same as for active participants.

