

# City of Lansing Employees' Retirement System

# Actuarial Valuation For Funding and Contributions

as of December 31, 2020

October, 2021



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## **Executive Summary**

October 12, 2021

City of Lansing Employees' Retirement System 124 W. Michigan Avenue 8th Floor Lansing, MI 48933

Members of the Board:

The following report sets forth the Actuarial Valuation of the City of Lansing Employees' Retirement System (the System) as of December 31, 2020. The report is based on participant data and asset summary as submitted by the Plan Administrator and the City finance department. We relied on this information without auditing it.

#### INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

The total Market Value of Plan Assets for the plan year ending December 31, 2020 was \$215,828,651. Plan assets exclude from this a reserve for healthcare benefits. The total yield of the fund for the plan year ending December 31, 2020 was 9.8% on the market value of assets and 8.4% on an actuarial basis, taking into account recognition of prior gains and losses.

The Plan uses a smoothing method to determine the City's contributions. Under this method, asset gains or losses are spread over a 5-year period. The gains and losses are determined every year by comparing actual investment returns with expected asset performance.

Details of the development of the Actuarial Asset Value are shown on page 8.

#### **FUNDING PROGRESS**

The Actuarial Accrued Liability as of December 31, 2020 is \$ 316,451,462 compared to the Actuarial Value of Assets (excluding healthcare reserve) of \$173,353,792, resulting in a plan funded ratio of 54.8%. On a market value basis, this ratio is 56.2%. Details are on page 14.

### **CONTRIBUTION**

The Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution for fiscal year 2022 is \$12,737,487, which is estimated to be 47.2% of payroll. About 7.5% of payroll represents the Normal Cost, with the remaining amount representing a payment towards the System's unfunded liability. Details are on page 15.



#### **ASSUMPTION AND METHOD CHANGES**

Based on the most recent Experience Study completed in February 2021 and approved by the Board, changes in actuarial assumptions have been made for this valuation. In addition, the Board's amortization policy was adopted to reflect a closed 20-year amortization beginning 12/31/2020. Please see pages 17-19 for more details.

#### **BENEFIT CHANGES**

There were changes in the averaging period for certain bargaining units: Teamsters 214 changed to five years, and District Court to three years. This affects only future retirees (i.e., active employees). Benefit provisions are outlined on pages 21-23.

#### **Actuarial Certification**

The purposes of this report are to establish the City contribution for the next fiscal year, and to evaluate the funding progress of the System.

The accounting report for the System, under GASB 67 and 68, is provided under separate cover, and serves a different purpose. All the figures presented in this report are to be used for funding and contribution purposes.

This report has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices. In the opinion of the Retirement Board and its actuary, the actuarial assumptions used are reasonable related to Retirement System experience and expectations, and represent the best estimate of Retirement System experience.

The undersigned are members of the American Academy of Actuaries, and are qualified to render the actuarial opinions presented in this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**Section 1: Plan Asset Information** 



25,171,276

# 1.1: Summary of Plan Assets

**Total Disbursements** 

Market Value of Total Fund as of December 31, 2020

Market Value of Total Fund as of January 1, 2020			\$196,578,478
Receipts:			
Employer Contribution - Pension Fund	23,047,930		
Employer Contribution - Healthcare Reserve	(177,000)		
Member Contributions	1,228,956		
Investment Income			
Interest	(37,478)		
Realized Gains/(Loss)	1,739,522		
Market Appreciation (Depreciation)	18,619,519		
Total Additions		44,421,449	
<u>Disbursements:</u>			
Member Refunds	61,988		
Distributions to Participants/ Beneficiaries	24,236,899		
Administrative Expenses and Other	4,475		
Investment Expenses	867,914		

Net Increase/(Decrease) in Assets	\$19,250,173



\$215,828,651

## 1.2: Reconciliation of Fund Reserves

	EMPLOYEE SAVINGS FUND	RETIREMENT RESERVE	MEMBER BENEFIT RESERVE	HEALTHCARE RESERVE	TOTAL
1/1/2020	\$10,576,130	\$136,352,426	\$14,695,230	\$34,954,692	\$196,578,478
Additions:					
<b>EE Contributions</b>	1,228,956	-	-		1,228,956
ER Contributions		23,047,930		(177,000)	22,870,930
Interest:	3.00%	7.25%	7.81%	7.81%	
<b>Annual Credits</b>	317,284	8,197,109	674,128	3,129,488	12,318,009
Deductions:					
Refunds/Benefits	(61,988)	(23,288,850)	(948,049)	-	(24,298,887)
Adjustment/Transfer	(391,406)	7,522,571	-	-	7,131,165
12/31/2020	\$11,668,976	\$151,831,186	\$14,421,309	\$37,907,180	\$215,828,651

## **Employees Savings Fund**

Purpose	Keep track of employee contribution balances, and interest credited to such.
	Interest is credited annually at 3.0%.
Relevance to Plan Funding	Does not directly impact plan funding

## **Retirement Reserve Fund**

Purpose	Provides funds to finance regular benefit payments to retirees. Interest is
	credited annually at the assumed rate of return. An adjustment is applied
	annually to correspond with changes in the market value of plan assets.
Relevance to Plan Funding	Does not directly impact plan funding

## Member Benefit Reserve (MBR)

Purpose	Provides funds to finance supplemental benefit payments to retirees based
	on prior early retirement programs (while reserve balance is positive).
	Interest is credited annually at a 5-year average rate.
Relevance to Plan Funding	Actuarial liability for supplemental benefit deemed to be equal to the value of
	the reserve

## **Healthcare Reserve**

Purpose	Funds invested with pension assets, but segregated to be used for retiree			
	healthcare benefits. Interest is credited annually at the same rate as the MBR.			
Relevance to Plan Funding	Excluded from pension assets to determine contributions towards pension funds			



# 1.3: Development of Actuarial Value of Assets

Market Value of Total Fund as of January 1	, 2020			\$196,578,478
Plus: Contributions during 2020				24,099,886
Less: Benefit Payments, Refunds				24,298,887
Less: Admin Expenses/Other				4,475
Plus: Expected Return during 2020	)			14,246,965
Expected Asset Value				\$210,621,967
Market Value of Total Fund as of December	31, 2020			\$215,828,651
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Investment Gain/(Loss) for 2020				5,206,684
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Less: 80% of 2020 Gain/(Loss)	80% 60%	*	5,206,684	4,165,348
Less: 60% of 2019 Gain/(Loss)		*	13,352,130	8,011,277
Less: 40% of 2018 Gain/(Loss)	40%		(21,950,315)	(8,780,126)
Less: 20% of 2017 Gain/(Loss)	20%	*	10,726,974	2,145,395
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Total Deferred Gain/(Loss)				\$5,541,894
Actuarial Value of Assets, Total Fund - Decer	mber 31, 202	20		\$210,286,757
as % of Market Value of Assets				97.4%
Healthcare Reserve as of December 31, 202	0			\$37,907,180
Adjusted Healthcare Reserve <sup>1</sup>				36,932,965
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Actuarial Value of Assets, Pension Plan - De	ecember 31,	2020		\$173,353,792
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Estimated Return on the Act	uariai value o	T ASSE	ets 8.42%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Takes into account asset smoothing



# **1.4: Historical Investment Returns**

Year	<b>Market Value Return</b>	<b>Actuarial Value Return</b>
2011	2.00%	1.20%
2012	12.21%	2.46%
2013	13.49%	10.41%
2014	6.31%	9.01%
2015	2.16%	6.53%
2016	5.91%	7.36%
2017	13.16%	8.49%
2018	(3.65%)	3.04%
2019	14.82%	7.37%
2020	9.80%	8.42%
5 Year Compound Return	7.80%	6.92%
10 Year Compound Return	7.46%	6.39%



**Section 2: Participant Summary** 



# **2.1: Reconciliation of Plan Participants**

	Active	Due	Vested			Beneficiary	
	Participants	Refund	Terminations	Retired	Disabled	/EDRO	Total
Participants as of December 31, 2019	413	80	72	758	27	155	1,505
Retired	(15)	0	(4)	19	0	0	0
Terminated Vested	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Refund Paid	(6)	(12)	0	(1)	0	(1)	(20)
Terminated Non-Vested, Due Refund	(29)	29	0	0	0	0	0
Disabled	(1)	0	0	0	1	0	0
Deceased	0	(1)	(1)	(29)	(1)	(6)	(38)
New Beneficiary / EDRO	0	0	0	0	0	19	19
Rehired	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Hires	38	0	0	0	0	0	38
Data Adjustments	0	(4)	0	(6)	0	3	(7)
Participants as of December 31, 2020	400	92	67	741	27	170	1,497



# 2.2: Demographic Summary

Active Participants	<u>12/31/2019</u>	<u>12/31/2020</u>
Number of Active Participants	413	400
Average Age	46.8	47.0
Average Service	8.8	8.9
Average Salary	\$53,727	\$61,123

Inactive Participants	<u>12/31/2019</u>	<u>12/31/2020</u>
Number of Retired Participants	758	741
Average Age	69.3	69.7
Current Average Annual Benefit	\$27,066	\$27,264
Number of Disabled Participants	27	27
Average Age	64.7	64.3
Current Average Annual Benefit	\$20,108	\$20,783
Number of Beneficiaries/EDROs	155	170
Average Age	72.0	72.5
Current Average Annual Benefit	\$10,958	\$10,316
Number of Deferred Vested Participants	72	67
Average Age	52.7	54.2
Current Average Annual Benefit	\$11,488	\$11,714



**Section 3: Valuation Summary** 



# 3.1: Summary of Actuarial Liability and Funding Progress

	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	
		Before Changes in Assumptions	After Changes in Assumptions
Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)			-
Active Employees	\$49,248,025	\$50,915,365	\$51,072,443
Member Benefit Fund	14,695,230	14,421,309	14,421,309
Terminated Vested	7,138,187	7,136,618	7,378,788
Retirees and Beneficiaries	239,593,146	236,988,771	243,578,922
Total Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$310,674,588	\$309,462,063	\$316,451,462
Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA)	\$160,693,641	\$173,353,792	\$173,353,792
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL-AVA)	\$149,980,947	\$136,108,271	\$143,097,670
Plan Funding Ratio (AVA/AAL)	51.7%	56.0%	54.8%



# 3.2: Development of Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC)

		12/31/2019	12/31	/2020
			Before	After
			Changes in	Changes in
			Assumptions	Assumptions
1)	Total Entry Age Normal Cost	\$2,835,618	\$3,009,421	\$3,184,781
2)	Estimated Employee Contributions	<u>1,123,680</u>	<u>1,196,127</u>	<u>1,196,127</u>
3)	Net City Normal Cost: (1) – (2)	\$1,711,938	\$1,813,294	\$1,988,654
4)	Valuation Payroll	\$24,772,739	\$25,997,281	\$26,347,574
5)	City Normal Cost Rate (% of pay): (3) ÷ (4)	6.9%	7.0%	7.5%
6)	Amortization of the Unfunded Liability	\$10,307,068	\$9,622,524	\$10,438,162
			(21 years)	(20 years)
7)	Amortization Rate (% of Pay): (6) ÷ (4)	41.6%	37.0%	39.6%
8)	Total Contribution Rate: (5) + (7)	48.5%	44.0%	47.2%
9)	Projected Payroll	\$25,453,989	\$26,712,207	\$27,006,263
10)	Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution: (8) x (9)	\$12,349,529	\$11,750,303	\$12,737,487

## **Estimated Cash Flow for Next Five Years**

Fiscal Year	City Contribution*	Member Contributions	Benefit Payments
2023	\$12,900,000	\$1,220,000	\$24,800,000
2024	\$13,200,000	\$1,250,000	\$25,100,000
2025	\$13,200,000	\$1,280,000	\$25,300,000
2026	\$13,500,000	\$1,310,000	\$25,500,000
2027	\$13,800,000	\$1,350,000	\$25,700,000

<sup>\*</sup> These amounts are based on one set of assumptions. If actual experience is less favorable than assumed, then City contributions will be higher. Estimated member contributions above do not include purchases of service.



**Section 4: Actuarial Assumptions and Methods** 



Funding Method and Amortization:

Entry Age Normal Actuarial Cost Method. The contribution equals the sum of the normal cost and the amount necessary to amortize the unfunded actuarial liability as a level percent of payroll over a closed period (20 years remaining as of December 31, 2020). Prior valuation: 22 years

Asset Smoothing Method:

Investment gains and losses are determined annually and each is spread over a 5- year period. This is done on a total fund basis, with an 80% - 120% corridor around market value. The adjusted value of the healthcare reserve is then excluded from the valuation assets.

Investment Return:

7.00% compounded annually, net of investment expenses (7.25% used in the last valuation).

Cost of Living (inflation):

The cost of living as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is assumed to increase at the rate of 2.50% per year (2.75% used in the last valuation).

Salary Increases:

Increases in salary are assumed to increase with inflation annually, plus an additional amount that varies based on the service of the member as shown below:

Years of Service	<u>UAW</u>	Years of Service	All Others
0-9	3.25%	0-5	7.50%
10-18	1.00%	6-15	1.00%
19 +	0.50%	16+	0.00%

Used in the last valuation:

Years of Service	<u>UAW</u>	All Others
0-8	2.35%	1.85%
9-10	2.35%	0.60%
11 +	1.35%	0.60%

Mortality:

Pub2010G Tables (below median), 50% for pre-retirement deaths. For Disabled members, the disabled versions of these tables are assumed. Each of these tables is projected generationally with Scale SSA (2020).

Prior valuation: RP2000 Combined Healthy Tables. For Disabled members, the disabled versions of these tables are assumed. Each of these tables is projected to 2026 using Scale BB and a 50% factor is applied for preretirement deaths.



Percent Married: 90% of participants are assumed to be married. Male spouses are

assumed to be three years older than their female spouse.

Disability: Rates of disability vary based on the age of the member as shown below.

Half of all disabilities are assumed to be duty related. Disability rates are

assumed to stop when retirement rates begin.

Sample rates are shown below:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
20	0.0004
30	0.0004
40	0.0013
50	0.0041
60	0.0090

Termination: Rates of termination vary based on the service of the member.

Sample Rates are shown below:

<b>Years of Service</b>	<u>UAW</u>	All Others
0	12.0%	24.0%
1	9.0%	20.9%
2	7.0%	18.2%
3	7.0%	15.8%
5	5.0%	12.0%
10	2.0%	6.0%
15	1.0%	2.5%
20+	1.0%	2.5%

Prior valuation: Sample Rates are shown below:

#### Non-UAW

<b>Years of Service</b>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>UAW</u>
0	22.0%	33.0%	10.0%
1	18.7%	28.1%	7.0%
2	15.9%	23.8%	5.0%
3	13.5%	20.3%	5.0%
5	9.8%	14.6%	4.0%
10	4.3%	6.5%	1.0%
15	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%
20+	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%



Retirement:

Rates of retirement vary based on the age of the member as shown below. Rate is applied only if the member is eligible to retire.

<u>Age</u>	UAW	<u>Age</u>	<b>Others</b>
50-54	60%	50-54	50%
55-57	40%	55	5%
58	50%	56	10%
59-64	20%	57	15%
65+	100%	58	20%
	50% of the ages 55-		
<b>UAW Females</b>	64 rates applies	59-64	25%
		65-69	20%
		70+	100%

#### Prior valuation:

<u>Age</u>	<u>UAW</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Others</u>
50-54	50%	50-57	55%
55-64	30%	58	15%
65+	100%	59	5%
		60-64	15%
		65	60%
		65-69	25%
		70+	100%

## Changes in assumptions since the prior valuation

Based on the Experience Study (covering 2015 through 2019) completed in February 2021 and approved by the Board, several changes in actuarial assumptions were made as indicated above. The next assumption review will cover experience from 2020 to 2024, with any changes implemented as of 12/31/2025.



**Section 5: Summary of Plan Benefits** 



All benefits are subject to the language in the City Ordinance and relevant collective bargaining agreements.

Employee Group Covered: Teamsters, UAW, Exempt, District Court (except Judges), Executive Pay,

Newly hired elected officials do not become members of this Plan.

Normal Retirement Age

(All Members - New Plan): Age 50 with 25 years of service or at age 58 with 8 years of service.

Normal Retirement Age (Old Plan): UAW - Age 50 with 25 years of service or at age 58 with 8 years of

service. All Others - 8 years of service and attainment of the earlier of age

58 or the age at which age plus service is at least 65.

Normal Form of Benefit: Single life annuity

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Member Contributions:		Old Plan	New Plan
	UAW	2.95%	3.00% effective 10/18/2013
	Teamsters 214	3.75%	6.50% (5.00% for hires after September 2012)
	Teamsters 243	3.50%	6.50% (5.00% for hires after
	(formerly Teamsters 580)		5/9/2014 for T243 CTP and Supervisors)
	District Court Teamsters	3.50%	5.50% (5.00% for hires after 4/1/2014 for DCT243)
			4.50% (5.50% for hires after
	District Court Exempt	4.50%	12/1/2003)
	Exempt	3.75%	6.50%
	Executive Pay Plan, Council		
	Staff, Mayoral Staff	3.75%	6.50%
	Non-Bargaining	3.75%	6.50% (5.00% for hires after 1/1/2017)

<u>Compensation:</u> Member's Salary, wages, and longevity bonus. In addition, Compensation

may include up to 80 hours of compensatory time for members not

3.25%

No Defined Benefit Plan

eligible for overtime pay.

**Elected Officials** 

<u>Final Average Compensation:</u> The average of the highest annual compensation paid over 2 consecutive

years (T214 @3 years; DCT @5 years) of credited service within the last 10 years of credited service immediately preceding a member's

termination of employment.

#### Normal Retirement Benefit Formula (New Plan):

UAW\* 2.75% of Final Average Compensation times years of credited service;

1.70% of Final Average Compensation times years of credited service for

new hires after October 21, 2013.

1.50% of Final Average Compensation times years of credited service for new hires after January 9, 2017, and for Service after this date for the

post 10/18/2013 hires.

\*UAW members hired on or after October 21, 2013 but prior to the ratification of the 2016-2019 agreement (January 9, 2017) have a 1.70% of pay multiplier for credited service prior to the ratification of the 2016-2019 agreement (January 9, 2017) and a 1.50% multiplier for credited service following the ratification of the 2016-2019 agreement (January 9, 2017), except the pension shall not exceed 110% of base wage. UAW members hired on or after ratification of the 2016- 2019 agreement (January 9, 2017) will have a benefit multiplier of 1.50% of pay, except the pension shall not exceed 110% of base wage.



Teamsters 214 & Teamsters 243

(formerly Teamsters 580)

1.80% of Final Average Compensation times years of credited service; 1.25% of Final Average Compensation times years of credited service for employees hired after 9/30/2012 in Teamsters 214 and hired after 05/19/2014 in T243 (CTP and Sup).

All Others

1.60% of Final Average Compensation times years of credited service; 1.25% of Final Average Compensation times years of credited service for new hires after 4/1/14 in DCT243, after 6/1/14 for District Court Exempt and after 1/1/2017 for Non-Bargaining Personnel;

#### Normal Retirement Benefit Formula (Old Plan):

**UAW** and **Elected** 

Officials

2.75% of Final Average Compensation times for the first 35 years of credited service, plus 1.5% of Final Average Compensation for the next 5 years of service, plus 1.0% of Final Average Compensation for service in excess of 40 years, with a maximum of 100% of Final Average Compensation.

**District Court Teamsters** 

2.30% of Final Average Compensation times years of credited service.

All Others

2.80% of Final Average Compensation times for the first 35 years of credited service, plus 1.5% of Final Average Compensation for the next 5 years of service, plus 1.0% of Final Average Compensation for service in excess of 40 years, with a maximum of 100% of Final Average Compensation.

#### **Termination Prior to Retirement**

Eligibility Vesting is after 8 years of credited service

Form of Benefit Be

Benefit is payable as a Life Annuity beginning at age 58 for new Plan Members and at the age at which age plus service equals 65 for Old Plan Members (except UAW).

**Duty Disability** 

Eligibility

Members are eligible for Duty Disability Retirement benefits immediately upon employment.

Benefit Amount

Benefit is paid at the effective date of disability retirement as a Life Annuity and is equal to the accrued Retirement Benefit, with additional service granted to age 60. During the worker's compensation period, the disability benefit may not exceed the difference between the member's final compensation and the worker's compensation amount. Upon the attainment of age 60, disabled retirees are transferred to service retirement status.

## **Non-Duty Disability**

Eligibility Members are eligible for Non-Duty Disability Retirement benefits after

completing 10 years of service.

Benefit Amount Benefit is paid at the effective date of disability retirement as a Life

Annuity and is equal to the accrued Retirement Benefit, with a minimum

benefit equal to 25% of final average compensation.



#### Death incurred in the Line of Duty

Eligibility Benefit is payable to the survivors of a member who died as a result of an

injury or disease arising out of and in the course of duty.

Benefit Amount Benefit is paid upon termination of the survivor's workers' compensation

period as a Life Annuity and is equal to the survivor's weekly workers'

compensation converted to an annual basis.

Non-Duty Pre-Retirement Death

Eligibility The non-duty pre-retirement death benefit is payable upon the death of

a member after earning 8 years of credited service.

Benefit Amount Benefit is paid to the surviving spouse as a Joint and Survivor benefit and

is computed in the same manner as the Normal Retirement Benefit.

#### **Optional Benefit Forms**

Prior to retirement, a member may elect to convert the retirement allowance into a benefit of equivalent actuarial value in accordance with one of the optional forms described below.

- a. Cash Refund Annuity If a member dies before receiving the total value of accumulated member contributions, the remaining member contributions are payable to designated beneficiary(ies) at the time of death.
- b. 50% or 100% Joint and Survivor Annuity
- c. Social Security Level Income ("Equating Pension") Any member who retires prior to age 65 may elect to have his retirement allowance actuarially equated to provide an increase retirement allowance to age 65, and a reduced retirement allowance payable thereafter. 'The increased retirement allowance shall approximate the sum of the member's reduced retirement allowance 'payable after age 65 and the member's estimated Social Security Primary Insurance Amount.

#### **Post - Retirement Benefit Adjustments**

One-time post-retirement benefit increases were granted in 1984, 1987 and 1998.

Effective January 1, 1999, and each January 1 thereafter, certain eligible retirees and beneficiaries receive annual benefit increases, financed by the Members' Benefit Fund reserve while it maintains a positive balance. Retirees/Beneficiaries must meet both of the following conditions:

- 1) Has been retired at least 6 months as of the January 1 increase date
- 2) Age 60 as of the January 1 increase date

For a retiree/beneficiary who elected a 50% or 100% Joint and Survivor Annuity, the maximum annual increase is equal to \$200 (\$100 for the beneficiary if 50% option is elected) times a ratio of the original Joint and Survivor benefit to the original straight life annuity benefit.

For all other retirees/beneficiaries, the maximum annual increase is \$200.

#### Changes in Plan provisions since the prior valuation

There were changes in the averaging period for certain bargaining units: Teamsters 214 changed to five years, and District Court to three years. This affects only future retirees (i.e., active employees).



# **Glossary of Terms**

Actuarial Accrued Liability The portion of benefits deemed to be accrued by participants based on

(AAL): past service. The AAL serves as the asset **funding** target, when annual

contributions are determined.

Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA): The smoothed value of assets, used to compute the Unfunded AAL.

The purpose of the AVA is to control volatility in annual cash

contributions.

Amortization of Unfunded

Liability:

The portion of the **annual cash contribution** that represents a portion

of the Unfunded AAL. The amortization can be positive or negative.

Actuarially Determined

Employer Contribution (ADEC):

The contribution determined by the actuary for **funding purposes**.

Market Value of Assets (MVA): The total value of Plan assets available to pay benefits.

Normal Cost: That portion of the annual contribution that represents one year's

accrual of benefits. In funding calculations, this is known as the

Service Cost.

**Unfunded Actuarial Accrued** 

Liability:

The difference between the Actuarial Value of Assets and the Actuarial

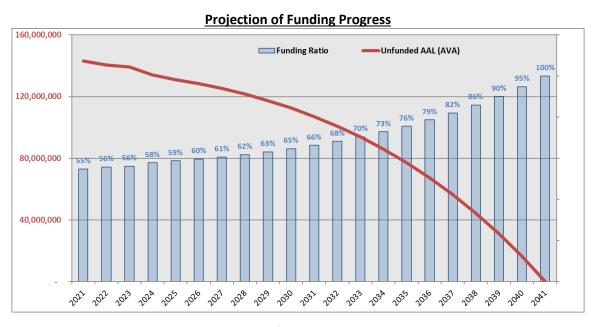
Accrued Liability, used for funding purposes.



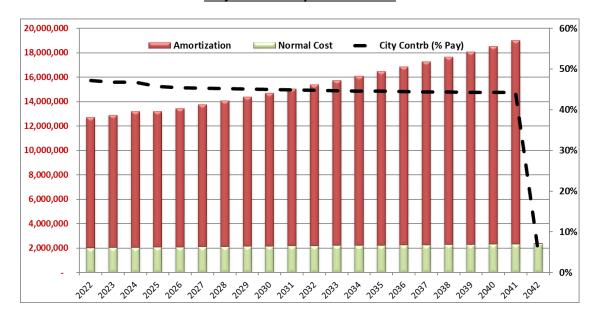
# **Appendix I: 20 Year Projection of Funding and Contributions**

The graphs below show a projection of expected funding progress and City contributions to the Fund. We can see that the Plan is on a path to eliminating the unfunded liability (top graph, red line) and significantly improving the funding ratio. During this time, the City contribution rate is expected to remain over 40% of payroll, before eventually declining. The actual funding progress and contributions over this time period will differ from what is shown here, due to the actual experience of the Plan.

As shown in the second graph the majority of the contribution is currently, and is expected to continue to be, a payment towards the unfunded actuarial liability.



#### **Projection of City Contributions**





# **Appendix II: History of Employer Contributions and Funding Progress**

## **History of Employer Contributions**

Fiscal Year	Actuarially Determined Employer	Actual Employer
Ending	Contribution	Contribution
6/30/2013	8,586,536	8,586,536 (1)
6/30/2014	9,361,000	9,361,000
6/30/2015	10,548,000	10,548,000 (2)
6/30/2016	10,182,000	10,182,000
6/30/2017	10,247,000	10,247,000 (3)
6/30/2018	10,185,060	10,843,000
6/30/2019	10,880,932	10,880,932 (4)
6/30/2020	10,698,401	10,698,401 (5)
6/30/2021	12,349,529	12,349,529
6/30/2022	12,737,487	To be determined (6)

- (1) Fiscal year 2013 Contribution reflects changes made to actuarial assumptions based on an Experience Study. Changes included a decrease in the assumed rate of return from 8.0% to 7.8%.
- (2) Fiscal year 2015 Contribution reflects changes made to assumed return and inflation from 7.8% and 3.3% to 7.6% and 3.1%, respectively.
- (3) Reflects changes made to actuarial assumptions based on an Experience Study completed in 2016, including assumed return of 7.40%, with 2.925% underlying inflation.
- (4) Reflects decrease in assumed return to 7.25%.
- (5) Paid in calendar year 2021, so not reflected in System assets as of 12/31/2019
- (6) Reflects changes made to actuarial assumptions as of 12/31/2020, including return assumption of 7.00%, with underlying 2.50% inflation.



## **History of Funding Progress**

Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	Percentage Funded	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	
12/31/2011	\$177,100,863	\$287,306,707	61.6%	\$110,205,844	
12/31/2012	167,569,807	293,974,433	57.0%	126,404,626	(1)
12/31/2013	172,687,582	313,258,746	55.1%	140,571,164	
12/31/2014	177,259,421	309,924,744	57.2%	132,665,323	(2)
12/31/2015	176,031,902	308,794,993	57.0%	132,763,091	
12/31/2016	176,160,086	309,520,574	56.9%	133,360,488	
12/31/2017	178,646,143	305,030,296	58.6%	126,384,153	(3)
12/31/2018	172,090,691	303,408,333	56.7%	131,317,642	(4)
12/31/2019	160,693,641	310,674,588	51.7%	149,980,947	
12/31/2020	173,353,792	316,451,462	54.8%	143,097,670	(5)

- (1) Reflects changes made to actuarial assumptions based on an Experience Study, including a reduction in the assumed investment return 8.0% to 7.8%.
- (2) Reflects changes made to assumed return and inflation from 7.8% and 3.3% to 7.6% and 3.1%, respectively.
- (3) Reflects changes made to actuarial assumptions based on an Experience Study completed in 2016, including assumed return of 7.40%, with 2.925% underlying inflation.
- (4) Reflects changes made to actuarial assumptions, assumed return of 7.25%, with 2.75% underlying inflation.
- (5) Reflects changes made to actuarial assumptions based on an Experience Study completed in 2021, including assumed return of 7.00%, with 2.50% underlying inflation.



# **Appendix III: Valuation Sensitivity**

The figures shown on this page are based on the same assumptions (except for the amortization period) as the valuation and is in compliance with the State's Uniform assumptions and amortization. The following shows the impact of a decreased amortization period.

Actuarial Accrued Liability				
State Uniform Assumptions	12/31/2020			
Total Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$316,451,462			
Actuarial Value of Assets	173,353,792			
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$143,097,670			
Plan Funding Ratio	54.8%			

# **City Contribution State Uniform Assumptions**

	State Uniform Assumptions		
1)	Total Entry Age Normal Cost	\$3,184,781	
2)	Estimated Employee Contributions	<u>1,196,127</u>	
3)	Net City Normal Cost: (1) – (2)	\$1,988,654	
4)	Valuation Payroll	\$26,347,574	
5)	City Normal Cost Rate (% of pay): (3) ÷ (4)	7.5%	
6)	Amortization of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (18 years)	\$11,174,617	
7)	Amortization Rate (% of Pay): (6) ÷ (4)	42.4%	
8)	Total Contribution Rate: (5) + (7)	50.0%	
9)	Projected Payroll	\$27,006,263	
10)	Total City Contribution for FY2022: (8) x (9)	\$13,492,353	



# **Appendix III: Risk Assessment**

There are a number of risks inherent in managing a pension plan/trust. Some of the most substantial risks include (not an all-inclusive list):

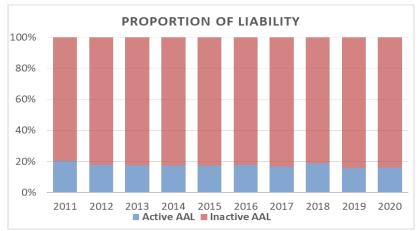
- <u>Investment Return Risk</u>: Future investment returns may be unfavorable compared to what is assumed for Plan funding purposes.
- <u>Investment Volatility Risk</u>: Investment returns will vary from year to year and over time, with a possible single or multiple year significant drop in plan assets. This impacts contribution amounts as well as compound returns.
- <u>Longevity Risk</u>: Plan members and beneficiaries may live longer than projected, and thus be entitled to additional years of benefit payments versus what had been expected.
- Other Demographic Risks: Future demographic experience may be unfavorable compared to
  expected rates of retirement, termination, and disability. Future salary increases may also be
  higher than expected, thereby increasing the liability of pay-related benefits.

#### **Plan Maturity**

Another challenging risk faced by many pension plans is the maturing of the plan over time. This can be seen in the number of inactive (retirees, beneficiaries, etc.) versus the number of active employees in the plan population, as well as the liability of each group. As the plan matures, several risks emerge, including:

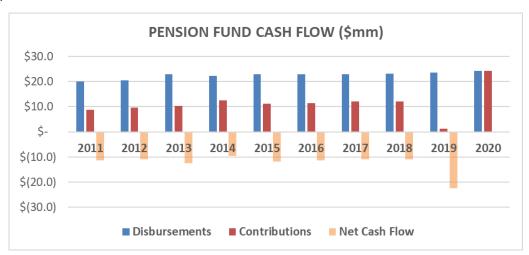
- Higher ratio of assets to payroll, which leads to a greater degree of contribution rate volatility.
- Negative cash flow (benefit payments exceeding contributions), which exacerbates the impact of an economic downturn.
- Greater degree of longevity risk (as illustrated above).
- Higher ratio of Actuarial Accrued Liability to Normal Cost, which causes more contribution volatility when demographic experience is unfavorable.

The following graphs show some of these plan maturity measures in recent years, showing how the plan is maturing over time.





The System's actuarial liability has been at least 80% inactive for the last decade, and has increased slightly over that time period. This is evidence of a very mature plan. As demonstrated by recent funding and as shown in the projections herein, funding progress is limited with this level of population maturity.



The fund has experienced significant negative cash flow (disbursements greater than contributions) in recent years, with a total ten-year negative net cash flow of more than \$110 million. This is another indication of a very mature plan. However, continued City contributions at the actuarially determined amounts will lead to funding improvement and a lower level of risk associated with negative cash flows.

Note: The employer contributions for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 were both made in calendar year 2020, so they were not reflected in the System assets as of 12/31/2019, but are reflected in the assets as of 12/31/2020.

