

NYCTL 2025-A TRUST
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the period from April 17, 2025 (INCEPTION)
to June 30, 2025
(With Independent Auditors' Report)

**NYCTL 2025-A Trust
(A Blended Component Unit of the City of New York)**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Together with Independent Auditors' Report)**

**For the period from April 17, 2025 (INCEPTION)
to June 30, 2025**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Wilmington Trust Company
NYCTL 2025-A Trust:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the NYCTL 2025-A Trust (the "Trust"), a blended component unit of the City of New York, as of June 30, 2025 & for the period from April 17, 2025 (inception) to June 30, 2025, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the Trust's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Trust, as of June 30, 2025, and the changes in financial position, and cash flows for the period from April 17, 2025 (inception) to June 30, 2025, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS") and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Trust and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern within twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Trust's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the 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 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, 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 basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Trust's financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule on page 12 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The schedule is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated September 19, 2025 on our consideration of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering Trust's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

EFPR Group, CPAs, PLLC

Williamsville, New York
September 19, 2025

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 17, 2025 (INCEPTION) TO JUNE 30, 2025

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following is a narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of NYCTL 2025-A Trust (the "Trust") for the period from April 17, 2025 (inception) to June 30, 2025. It should be read in conjunction with the Trust's financial statements, and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

The financial statements of the Trust, which include the statement of net position, the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, the statement of cash flows and the notes to financial statements, are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"), as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB"). The financial statement are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, in which revenues are recognized in the period they are earned and expenses are recognized in the period they are incurred.

OVERVIEW OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Trust was created on April 17, 2025 (inception) to acquire certain liens securing unpaid real estate taxes, water rents, sewer surcharges and other charges, payable to the City of New York (the "City") and the Water Board, in exchange for the proceeds from bonds issued by the Trust, net of reserves funded by bond proceeds and bond issuance costs. The City is the sole beneficiary of the Trust and is entitled to receive distributions from the Trust after payments to bondholders and certain reserve requirements have been satisfied.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS AND OVERALL ANALYSIS – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A summary of the Trust's assets, liabilities and net position and its activities as of June 30, 2025 and for the period from April 17, 2025 (inception) to June 30, 2025, is as follows:

Summary of Net Position:

ASSETS:

Current assets	
Current tax liens receivable	\$ 71,609,503
Total current assets	71,609,503
Noncurrent tax liens receivable, net of allowance	127,294,773
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 198,904,276</u>

LIABILITIES:

Current liabilities	
Residual liability due to Water Board	\$ 26,653,173
Total current liabilities	26,653,173
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>26,653,173</u>

TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>172,251,103</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	<u>\$ 198,904,276</u>
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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS AND OVERALL ANALYSIS – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Summary of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position:

REVENUES:	
Tax liens received from the City of New York	\$ 197,488,780
Interest on tax liens	<u>1,432,168</u>
 TOTAL REVENUES	 <u>198,920,948</u>
EXPENSES:	
Increase in residual liability due to Water Board	26,653,173
Increase in allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>16,672</u>
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 <u>26,669,845</u>
 NET CHANGE IN NET POSITION	 <u>\$ 172,251,103</u>

During the period of April 17, 2025 (inception) to June 30, 2025, the Trust's total assets increased by \$198,904,276 due to an increase in net tax liens receivable of \$198,904,276, reflecting the Trust's commencement of operations during the period. This increase resulted primarily from the \$197,477,780 in tax liens received from the City during the period and related accrued interest of \$1,432,168. Total liabilities increased by \$26,653,173 reflecting an increase in residual liability due to Water Board of \$26,653,173.

During the period from April 17, 2025 (inception) to June 30, 2025, the Trust's total revenues were \$198,920,948 and consisted of the recording of tax liens received from the City of New York of \$197,488,780 and the interest on tax liens of \$1,432,168. Total expenses were \$26,669,845 due to an increase in residual liability due to Water Board of \$26,653,173 and an increase in allowance for doubtful accounts \$16,672.

Subsequent Long-Term Debt Activity:

The Trust issued debt subsequent to June 30, 2025 (Note 5) to fund its purchase of certain tax liens from the City, as well as to fund required reserve accounts and pay costs of issuance. Debt repayments will be made solely from cash collections received as a result of payments of tax liens or from proceeds from real estate owned as a result of foreclosure on properties with unpaid tax liens. While the bonds issued have a stated maturity date of November 10, 2038, the bonds will be repaid as funds are available from cash collections, generally quarterly. The expected maturity of the bonds is May 10, 2029.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

ASSETS:

Current assets

Tax liens receivable:	
Principal	\$ 71,609,503
Current tax liens receivable	<u>71,609,503</u>
Total current assets	<u>71,609,503</u>

Noncurrent assets

Tax liens receivable:	
Principal	125,879,277
Accrued interest	1,432,168
Less: allowance for uncollectible accounts	<u>(16,672)</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>127,294,773</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 198,904,276</u>
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LIABILITIES:

Current liabilities

Residual liability due to Water Board	\$ 26,653,173
Total current liabilities	<u>26,653,173</u>

Total liabilities	<u>26,653,173</u>
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NET POSITION:

Unrestricted	<u>172,251,103</u>
Total net position	<u>172,251,103</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	<u>\$ 198,904,276</u>
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 17, 2025 (INCEPTION) TO JUNE 30, 2025

OPERATING REVENUES:

Tax liens received from the City of New York	\$ 197,488,780
Interest on tax liens	<u>1,432,168</u>

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>198,920,948</u>
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OPERATING EXPENSES:

Increase in residual liability due to Water Board	26,653,173
Increase in allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>16,672</u>

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>26,669,845</u>
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OPERATING GAIN	<u>172,251,103</u>
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CHANGE IN NET POSITION	172,251,103
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Net Position - Beginning of Period	<u>-</u>
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NET POSITION - END OF PERIOD	<u>\$ 172,251,103</u>
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

	<u>2025</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	-
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of period	<u>-</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS—END OF PERIOD	<u>\$ -</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING GAIN TO CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Operating gain	\$ 172,251,103
Adjustments to reconcile operating gain to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:	
Tax liens receivable	(198,920,948)
Change in liability due to Water Board	26,653,173
Change in allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>16,672</u>
Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Operating Activities	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

NYCTL 2025-A Trust (the "Trust") is a Delaware statutory trust formed on April 17, 2025. The Trust is governed by a Declaration and Agreement of Trust dated April 17, 2025 between the City of New York (the "City") and the Wilmington Trust Company, Delaware (the "Owner Trustee"). Tax lien sales are authorized by Chapter 3 of Title 11 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York. In accordance with a purchase and sale agreement between the Trust and the City, the Trust was created to acquire certain tax liens (see Note 3) from the City in exchange for the proceeds from bonds issued by the Trust, net of reserves funded by bond proceeds and bond issuance costs.

The Trust's intended purpose is the collection of delinquent tax and utility receivables, including appropriate interest, fees and service charges, and the eventual distribution of net proceeds back to the originating City fund. Accordingly, the Trust is not intended to function as an independent business.

Although legally separate from the City, the Trust is an instrumentality of the City and, accordingly is included in the City's financial statements as a blended component unit.

The City is the sole beneficiary of the Trust and is entitled to receive distributions from the Trust after certain reserve requirements have been satisfied. As certain tax liens secure unpaid water and sewer rents and sewer surcharges, the City and the New York City Water Board ("Water Board") have agreed that the City and the Water Board will share in the distributions and residual assets of the Trust (see Note 2D).

The Trust does not have any employees. In addition to its interaction with various City agencies, the Trust's affairs are administered by the Owner Trustee, its program manager, tax lien servicer, paying agent and investment custodian.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. As a governmental activity, the Trust reports its activities in a business-type financial statement.

The financial statements of the Trust, which include the statement of net position, the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and the statement of cash flows, are presented to display information about the reporting entity as a whole, in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") standards. The financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Net position represents the difference between assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position is reported as restricted where resources are constrained for debt service or redemption in accordance with the bond indenture. The Trust's net position on the statement of net position includes amounts restricted by contractual agreements. The balance of the net position is classified as unrestricted.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use for a specific purpose, it is the Trust's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

- B. Cash equivalents include short-term investments with maturities of three months or less at date of acquisition. Investments, including accrued interest, are reported at fair value. There were no cash equivalents held by the Trust as of June 30, 2025.
- C. The Trust records tax liens receivable based on the amounts that are receivable for real estate taxes, water rents, sewer surcharges and other charges. Interest that accrues on the outstanding balances as well as certain other costs, such as public notices that can be recovered from the taxpayer as part of the tax lien balance are capitalized. The Trust establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts by comparing tax liens receivable balances with the estimated fair value of the properties subject to the liens as provided by the City. The Trust also considers certain factors related to specific properties, such as environmental issues, and where other tax liens have legal priority over the Trust's tax liens in determining the adequacy of its allowance for doubtful accounts.
- D. The City and the Water Board have agreed to share in the distributions and residual assets of the Trust in accordance with the fixed percentages as of the purchase of the first tax liens of 86.6% and 13.4%, respectively. As the City is the sole beneficiary of the net position of the Trusts, the amounts that would be due to the Water Board under this agreement are recorded as a general long-term liability for financial reporting purposes.
- E. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") requires the Trust's management to make estimates and assumptions in determining the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of additions and deductions in net position during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
- F. The Trust distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items in the preparation of its financial statements. The principal operating revenues include tax liens collected and interest on tax liens. Major operating expenses include distributions to the City, direct purchase of liens and services fees.

NOTE 3 – TAX LIENS RECEIVABLE

A tax lien is a lien on a parcel of real estate located in the City securing unpaid real property taxes, assessments, sewer rents, sewer surcharges, water rents and other City charges, such as environmental charges, Department of Housing Preservation and Development charges and business improvement district charges. In addition to these unpaid items, a tax lien also includes the costs of any advertisements and notices given in connection with the sale of the tax lien, that had become a lien against the property prior to the sale of the lien to the Trust, and interest and penalties accrued at various rates up to the time of sale of the lien to the Trust. In addition, a tax lien also includes a surcharge of 5% on all of the aforementioned amounts computed through the date of the sale to the Trust. The total of these amounts described in this paragraph represents the tax lien principal balance as of the date of the sale to the Trust. The City was required to redeem or replace any tax liens that are determined to be defective, in accordance with the provisions of the bond indenture. As the bond indenture has been discharged, the City may elect to reduce its distributions for defective liens.

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NOTE 3 – TAX LIENS RECEIVABLE (Continued)

Subsequent to the purchase of the tax liens by the Trust, the tax liens accrue interest at the annual rate of 6%, 9% or 16% depending on the underlying assessed value of the properties to which the liens are attached, compounded daily. In addition, certain costs incurred by the Trust are eligible to be capitalized as part of the tax lien balance. Special rules for calculating tax lien amounts apply to bankruptcy tax liens.

The Trust has the right to foreclose and take title to properties for which related tax lien collection efforts are unsuccessful. Such properties are referred to as real estate owned ("REO"). As of June 30, 2025, the Trust did not have title to any properties.

The Trust has agreements with both Tower Capital Management LLC, Inc. and MTAG Services, LLC for servicing, managing and maintaining custody of certain documents, and collection activities on its tax liens.

The Trust may be unable to recover the amount of certain tax liens, including accumulated interest and capitalized expenses, when the value of the related property is less than the amount of the tax lien, when other tax liens have legal priority over the Trust's tax liens, or when the court awards a reduced expense amount. The Trust has recorded an allowance for uncollectible tax liens of \$16,672 as of June 30, 2025.

The changes in the tax liens receivable for period from April 17, 2025 (inception) to June 30, 2025 were as follows:

	<u>Gross tax lien receivable balance</u>
Balance as of April 17, 2025 (inception)	\$ -
Add: Tax liens received from the City of New York	197,488,780
Add: Accrued interest on outstanding lien	1,432,168
Balance as of June 30, 2025	<u>\$ 198,920,948</u>

NOTE 4 – LITIGATION

A number of parties contesting the foreclosure of tax liens previously sold by the City have challenged, among other things, (i) the power of the City to sell tax liens to the trusts, (ii) the power of the City to sell tax liens when some tax liens are less than a year old, (iii) the enforceability of tax liens when a tax certiorari challenge is pending, (iv) the power of the City to restore tax charges that were not previously billed, (v) the 5% surcharge and the applicable interest rate on the tax liens, (vi) the standing of the Indenture Trustee to foreclose on the tax liens, (vii) the priority of tax liens over other liens, (viii) failure by the City to give proper or adequate notice of the tax lien sale and (ix) that the upset price bid in a tax lien foreclosure auction in the amount of the Redemptive Value of the tax lien is fraudulent. In addition, legal challenges to the collection of the tax liens have alleged violations of the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Truth in Lending Act, the New York General Business Law, the New York General Obligation Law, breach of contract and unjust enrichment. To date, no such action or challenge has been successful after completion of the appeal process. Certain parties have also asserted individual defenses against the enforcement of tax liens on properties, such as improper billing, full or partial payment prior to sale, the partial or full tax-exempt status of properties, the existence of forbearance agreements with the City or Trust, or inadequate service of process. The outcome of these challenges is not expected to have a material negative impact on the Trust, as the City is required to redeem or replace defective liens. No assurance can be given that similar or other actions will not be brought against the Trust.

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NOTE 5 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On September 16, 2025, the Trust issued Tax Lien Collateralized Bonds, Series 2025-A for the principal amount of \$172,450,000. The stated maturity of the bonds is November 10, 2038. However, the final payment of the bonds could occur earlier than the stated maturity date. The expected maturity is May 10, 2029. Collections on tax liens are used to pay accrued interest on the Class A bonds and then principal on the bonds. The timing of the repayment of the principal amount of the bonds and all accrued interest is entirely dependent upon the redemption of the tax liens or the liquidation of any real estate owned resulting from foreclosure. The interest rate on the bonds is fixed at 4.84%. The closing date of the bonds was September 16, 2025. Accordingly, no interest expense or amortization of bond discount has been recorded through June 30, 2025. Bond issuance costs were approximately \$2,693,295.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE
SCHEDULE 1 - CHANGES IN RESIDUAL LIABILITY DUE TO WATER BOARD
FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 17, 2025 (INCEPTION) TO JUNE 30, 2025

	Residual Liability Due to Water Board
Beginning balance at April 17, 2025 (Inception)	\$ -
Tax liens received from the City of New York	26,463,497
Net change in net position	189,676
Ending balance at June 30, 2025	<u>\$ 26,653,173</u>

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

Wilmington Trust Company
NYCTL 2025-A Trust:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States financial statements of the business-type activities of the NYCTL 2025-A Trust (the "Trust"), a blended component unit of the City of New York, as of June 30, 2025 and for the period from April 17, 2025 (inception) to June 30, 2025, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the Trust's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 19, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Trust's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstance for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements, on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses, or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Trust's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclose no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Trust's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other person.

EFPR Group, CPAs, PLLC

Williamsville, New York
September 19, 2025