## North Carolina Turnpike Authority

NCTA Finance Committee Meeting

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## **Opening Comments**

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## Monroe Expressway TIFIA Refunding

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#### Monitored Refunding Opportunity – Monroe TIFIA Loan

- Similar to the prior refunding of the Triangle Expressway TIFIA Loan, the Monroe TIFIA Loan is being monitored for refunding opportunities
- The Monroe TIFIA Loan is callable at any time and therefore, may be refunded with tax-exempt bonds
- In addition to debt service savings, refunding benefits may include:
  - Release of the Senior Lien Toll Revenue Bonds Debt Service Reserve Fund via a surety policy, which could then be used to further reduce debt service and/or pay capital costs
  - Elimination of onerous covenants, including TIFIA reporting requirements
  - Elimination of TIFIA revenue sharing provisions
  - Opportunity to prepare for future system expansion

#### Monitored Refunding Opportunity – Monroe TIFIA Loan

- In order to release the current TIFIA reserve fund, bond insurance and surety policy are being considered and are reflected in the savings analysis
- To avoid increased debt service in the early years when TIFIA was still accruing interest, a small portion of any released debt service reserve fund is assumed to fund a capitalized interest account
- NPV Savings Estimate\*: \$10.9 million or 6.17% of refunded par
- Market movement may change the economics quickly

Refunding Sensitivity Analysis				
Description	Current Market	+ 50 bps	+ 100 bps	-50 bps
All-in TIC	2.81%	3.07%	3.44%	2.56%
Total Debt Service	\$272.5 MM	\$283.2 MM	\$298.8 MM	\$262.2 MM
NPV Savings (%)	6.17%	2.16%	-3.12%	10.63%
NPV Savings (\$)	\$10.9 MM	\$3.8 MM	-\$5.5 MM	\$18.9 MM

\*Assumptions; analysis as of 12/6/2021

Dated/Delivery: 3/24/2022

• Lower Coupon Scale of 3-5% coupons, yields based on market conditions as of 12/6/2021

• Savings is calculated based on prior debt service adjusted for DSRF earnings at 2.0% and the release at final maturity.

#### Monitored Refunding Opportunity – Monroe Series 2016

- \$137 million Tax-Exempt Toll Revenue Bonds, Series 2016 were issued January 2017
  - Series 2016A \$118.3 million remains outstanding
  - Series 2016C (CABs) \$17.6 million remains outstanding
- In the current market, refundings are not economical but we will continue to monitor

#### **Next Steps**

- In order to be prepared to take advantage of market conditions in advance:
  - Provide notice of potential transaction to approving bodies
  - Engage working group members
  - Begin drafting offering document and resolutions, leave flexibility to include refundings of 2016 Bonds

### Draft Bond Documents & Resolutions

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#### Proposed Issuance of Toll Revenue Refunding Bonds

- Monroe Expressway Toll Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2022A, will be issued as tax-exempt refunding bonds
- Issued under and secured by the Authority's Trust Agreement dated as of December 1, 2016, as supplemented and amended, which provides a "gross revenue" pledge of the Revenues of the Monroe Expressway System for bonds issued pursuant to the Trust Agreement
- Toll Revenue Bonds currently secured by the Trust Agreement: Series 2016A Bonds, Series 2016C Bonds and the TIFIA Series 2016 Bond
- Series 2022A Bonds will refund all of the TIFIA Series 2016 Bond

#### Toll Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2022A

First Supplemental Trust Agreement

- First Supplemental Trust Agreement will extend the lien on the Revenues of the Monroe Expressway System to the Series 2022A Bonds
- Sets forth the terms for the Series 2022A Bonds
  - Maturity schedule
  - Redemption provisions
  - Defeasance provisions
- Includes continuing disclosure obligations to provide investors with ongoing financial and operational information in compliance the Securities and Exchange Commission's Rule 15c2-12
- Includes miscellaneous provisions for supplementing the First Supplemental Trust Agreement, updated notices, etc.
- Certain amendments to make the current TIFIA provisions inoperative once the TIFIA Series 2016 Bond is redeemed, but nevertheless to provide the potential for future TIFIA debt

#### Toll Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2022A

Preliminary Official Statement

- Describes key terms of Series 2022A Bonds
- Describes the Plan of Refunding refunding of the outstanding TIFIA Series 2016 Bond and describes the original purpose of the TIFIA Series 2016 Bond
- Describes Monroe Expressway System financials and operations
- Describes the pledge of Revenues of the Monroe Expressway System
- Includes risk factors associated with the purchase of the Series 2022A Bonds
- Describes Authority's continuing disclosure undertaking
- Will include the updated Traffic and Revenue Report by CDM Smith, Inc. as an Appendix
- Provides for the possibility of bond insurance

#### Toll Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2022A

Bond Purchase Agreement

- Executed after the Series 2022A Bonds are priced
- Commits the Underwriters to purchase the Series 2022A Bonds
- Sets forth final terms of the Series 2022A Bonds, including maturities, interest rates, yields and prices
- Sets forth the conditions to closing, including
  - Receipt of ratings
  - Closing certifications
  - Opinions of bond counsel, attorney general for NCDOT, and underwriters' counsel

#### Monroe Expressway

**Board Resolution** 

- Adopts Bond Order Subject to Local Government Commission (LGC) approval
- Approves issuance of the Series 2022A Bonds, subject to LGC approval
- Approves execution and delivery of First Supplemental Trust Agreement, Preliminary Official Statement, the Bond Purchase Agreement and other documents related to the Series 2022A Bonds
- Approves the sale of the Series 2022A Bonds to Underwriters
- Approves use of the Preliminary Official Statement and Final Official Statement by the Underwriters for the marketing of the Series 2022A Bonds
- Covenants that the "Bond Documents" shall be in the forms presented, which are hereby approved

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**Board Resolution Parameters** 

- Authorizes the Series 2022A Bonds to be issued as tax-exempt refunding bonds
- Imposes limits as follows:
  - Final maturity date: No later than July 1, 20\_\_\_
  - Maximum aggregate principal amount of: \$\_\_\_,000,000
  - Minimum Net Debt Service Savings: []
  - Maximum percentage of aggregate discount to Underwriters: []

#### Monroe Expressway

**Board Resolution** 

- Authorizes officers and employees of the Authority to coordinate with DOT to update the disclosures in the Preliminary Official Statement
- Authorizes and directs the Chairman and other officers and employees of the Authority to take such actions deemed necessary and appropriate to accomplish the issuance of the Series 2022A Bonds
- Designates the Director of Finance and Budget as the officer charged with compliance with the Authority's continuing disclosure obligations with respect to the Series 2022A Bonds
- Requests the LGC to approve the issuance of the Series 2022A Bonds and any other action requiring its approval in connection therewith

## Underwriting Recommendation & Preliminary Schedule

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#### **Underwriting Recommendation**

- Senior Manager
  - Citigroup
- Co-Managers
  - TBD

#### **Preliminary Schedule**

Date	Action	
1/19	Finance Committee Recommendation	
2/10	NCTA Board Approval	
3/1	LGC Approval	
3/2	Posting of Preliminary Official Statement	
3/10	Negotiated Bond Sale	
3/24	Bond Closing	

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