# North Carolina Turnpike Authority

Special Finance Committee Meeting

December 20, 2022



# **Opening Comments**

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# **BANs Defeasance Opportunity**

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### **Overview of Opportunity**

#### **Triangle Expressway System**

- In October 2020, NCTA issued the Senior Lien Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2020 ("2020 BANs") with the intent of drawing upon the TIFIA Loan at their maturity in February 2024
  - At that time, short-term interest rates were below the TIFIA Loan rate of 1.83% (i.e., the 1-year treasury rate was 0.12%\*)
- Due to significant shifts in the interest rate environment (i.e., the 1-year treasury rate is currently 4.64%\*\*),
   NCTA would benefit from accelerating the TIFIA Loan draw to defease the 2020 BANs in advance of their maturity
  - Furthermore, TIFIA funds are not subject to yield restriction and therefore can be invested in allowable investment vehicles at current market rates without restriction
  - Due to investment earnings on escrowed funds, the amount of TIFIA funds required to pay the principal of the 2020 BANs is reduced
  - Excess funds could be deposited into the general reserve
- The investment earnings outweigh the increased debt service on the TIFIA Loan (resulting from an accelerated draw schedule) creating a net benefit to NCTA

### **Transaction Overview**

#### **Triangle Expressway System**

- Execution date: January 17, 2023
- Irrevocable Escrow Investment
  - Investments currently held in Capitalized Interest Fund will be transferred into the escrow and continue to pay all interest due on the 2020 BANs until their maturity
  - NCTA will deposit TIFIA Loan proceeds required to purchase government securities to fully defease the 2020 BANs principal

#### TIFIA Loan

- NCTA will draw the full amount of the TIFIA Loan at closing. Only a portion will be required to fully defease the 2020 BANs and the remainder will be deposited into the general reserve.
  - The general reserve deposit is estimated to be \$23 million
- Interest will begin to accrue on the full TIFIA Loan amount when the TIFIA Loan is drawn resulting in increased debt service.
  - The NPV cost of the accelerated draw is estimated to be \$9 million

### **Net Benefit of Transaction to NCTA**

#### **Triangle Expressway System**

 Based on current rates, the plan results in approximately \$13.8 million net present value benefit to the Triangle Expressway System after considering increased TIFIA debt service and transaction costs

Net Benefit to NCTA*	
Excess TIFIA Funds	\$23,010,000
Less: NPV of Increased TIFIA Loan Debt Service	(9,011,000)
Less: CAPI Fund Yield Restriction Liability**	(70,000)
Less: Transaction Fees	(100,000)
NPV Net Benefit	\$13,828,000

· The Net Benefit amount will fluctuate with investment rates until securities are purchased

## Financing Schedule

**Triangle Expressway System** 

Target Date (Deadline)	Task
Dec 20	NCTA Finance Committee and Board Approval
Dec 21 (Dec 31)	Submit Requisition of full TIFIA Loan
Jan 5 <i>(Jan 10)</i>	SLGS Subscription / Open Market Security Bidding Verification of Escrow Sufficiency
Jan 17	Closing:  • TIFIA Loan Drawn  • Settlement of Escrow  • Defeasance Notice Posted

<sup>\*</sup>Slides from PFM Financial Advisors LLC

### **Draft Documents and Board Resolution**

**Triangle Expressway System** 

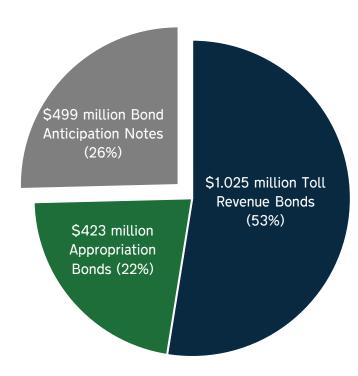
### Escrow Agreement

- Agreement defines terms of Escrow Fund with Trustee
- Full Defeasance of BANs
  - Requires Verification Report, ensuring deposits along with interest are sufficient

#### Resolution

- Approves the early TIFIA Loan draw for defeasing the Series 2020 BANs
- Earnings on proceeds in excess needed to defease the Series 2020 BANS are to be used for costs related to the Triangle Expressway System
- Board reaffirms and ratifies all prior resolutions and actions taken in connection to the defeasance of the Series 2020 Notes.

## Triangle Expressway Debt by Security Type\*



<sup>\*</sup>Totals may not add due to rounding

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