



Asset Liability Management Report

4 Q 2015

Performance Indicators and Key Measures

Cash, Investment and Debt Balances – Book Value (\$M)

Restricted Cash and Investments	455.7
Unrestricted Cash and Investments	795.6
Total Cash and Investments	1,251.3

Current Debt

Total Outstanding Debt	1,910.6
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INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE	INTEREST RATE RISK	CREDIT RISK	LIQUIDITY RISK
Excluding fair market value adjustments, interest earnings exceeded budget.	Future borrowing needs for capital projects are approximately \$5.7B, excluding the \$1.3B TIFIA loan.*	Agency is well diversified against counterparty credit risk. Investment portfolios are within policy parameters.	Agency cash and investment balances are sufficient to meet all known funding and reserve requirements through April 2017.
Key Measures	Key Measures	Key Measures	Key Measures
Interest earnings are \$5.1M vs. \$7.0M budget. Without unrealized gains and losses, interest earnings were \$1.5M above budget.	The current average borrowing cost is below the assumed borrowing rate in the long-term financial model.	All investment portfolios are in compliance with policy limits. Credit risk exposure is low.	All reserves are fully funded to date.
Book yield for the unrestricted portfolio is 0.54%, State Pool is 0.25%, and KC Pool is 0.64%. YTD total return for Capital Replacement is 1.23% versus benchmark of 1.10%.	Investment returns in the quarter were lower than the assumed borrowing rate.	ST has significant risks on its Lease In/Lease Out deal guaranteed by AIG although AIG's financial standing has stabilized.	Current liquidity meets policy requirement.

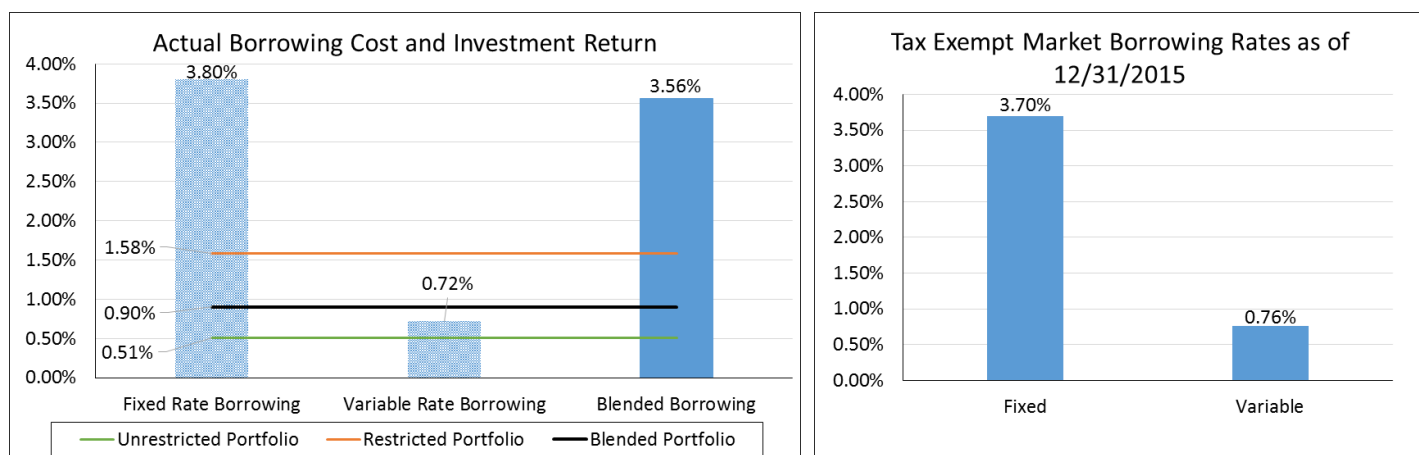
*2015 Financial Plan

4 Q 2015 ALM Overview

Market Environment

- The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) met twice during the quarter and raised the federal funds rate 25 basis points in December, to a target range of .25% - .50%.
- The December unemployment rate was 5.0%, down .1% from September 2015.
- Inflation was 0.7% for the 12 months ended December 31. However, inflation excluding food and energy was 2.1%, very near the FOMC's 2.0% target.
- During the quarter, treasury yields were higher with an increase of 42 basis points in the two year note and an increase of 23 basis points in the ten year note. The two year note yield changed from .63 to 1.05, and the ten year note yield changed from 2.04 to 2.27.

Current Borrowing Rate versus Investment Rate



Credit Watch

- ST is currently in "stand still" status on its Lease In/Lease Out agreement with AIG, awaiting further market and regulatory developments. AIG's financial standing has stabilized.

Cash, Investment and Debt Balances

	End 4Q 2015 (\$M)	End 4Q 2014 (\$M)	Investment Yield (& trend vs. last Q.)
Restricted Cash & Inv's	455.7	394.3	1.58% ↓
Unrestricted Cash & Inv's	795.6	326.9	0.51% ↑
Total Cash and Investments	1,251.3	721.2	0.90% ↑
	Current Debt	Future Debt*	Projected Next Bond Issue
Total Debt (\$M)	1,910.6	7,059	2016 - 2017

*Estimated future debt is based upon the 2015 Financial Plan and includes the TIFIA loan, authorized up to \$1.33B

ALM Position (\$M)

Balance and Duration	Value (\$M)	Interest Rate	Duration/Avg. Life	Benchmark
Assets (Cash/Investments)				
Restricted	455.7	1.58%	2.32 years	2.96 years
Unrestricted	795.6	0.51%	.81 years	0.58 years
Assets (Cash/Investments) total	1,251.3			
Liabilities (Debt)				
Fixed-Rate	(1,760.6)	3.79%		
Variable-Rate	(150.0)	3.63% *		
Liabilities (Debt) total	(1,910.6)	3.78%	17.10 years	18.96 years
Net Position	(659.3)			

*Blended rate of actual through quarter end and Assumed Variable Rate, 3.67% at time of issuance, for remaining life of the bonds. The Assumed Variable Rate is the highest 12 month rolling average of the SIFMA index over the preceding 10 years.

Net Interest	2014 Budget (\$M)	2014 Actual (\$M)	2015 Budget (\$M)	2015 YTD Actual (\$M)
Uncapitalized Debt Interest Exp	(4.1)	(2.6)	0.0	(1.8)
Capitalized Debt Interest Exp	(67.3)	(65.1)	(69.8)	(71.2)
Interest Earnings	7.4	14.8	7.0	5.1
Net Interest	(64.0)	(52.9)	(62.8)	(67.9)

Budget based on the annual Adopted Budget.

2015 Actual based on preliminary close - subject to change.

4 Q 2015 Investment Overview

Strategy

Key elements of the investment strategy focus on duration, yield curve and asset allocation selections. Staff monitors the portfolio's duration exposure compared to the benchmark duration on a monthly basis and reviews duration prior to each investment purchase. The yield curve is reviewed to determine the best value within the maturity constraints of the portfolio before each investment purchase is made. A comparison of US Treasury rates to other allowable investments is conducted to ensure that value is added before taking on any additional risk.

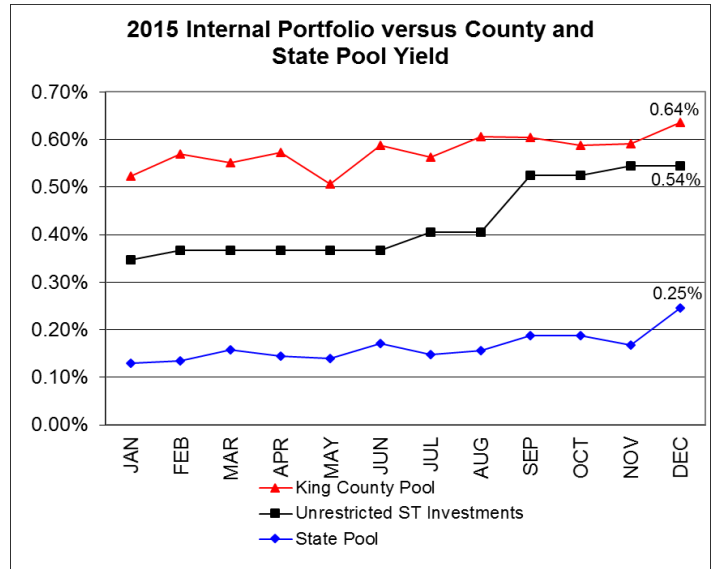
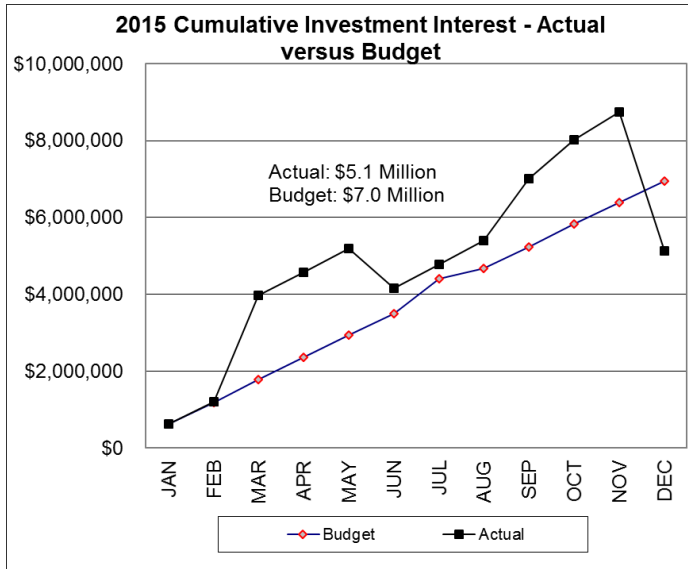
Current Quarter Activity

Opened two accounts with the King County Investment Pool to hold bond funds for semi-annual debt service payments, one account for parity bonds and one account for prior bonds.

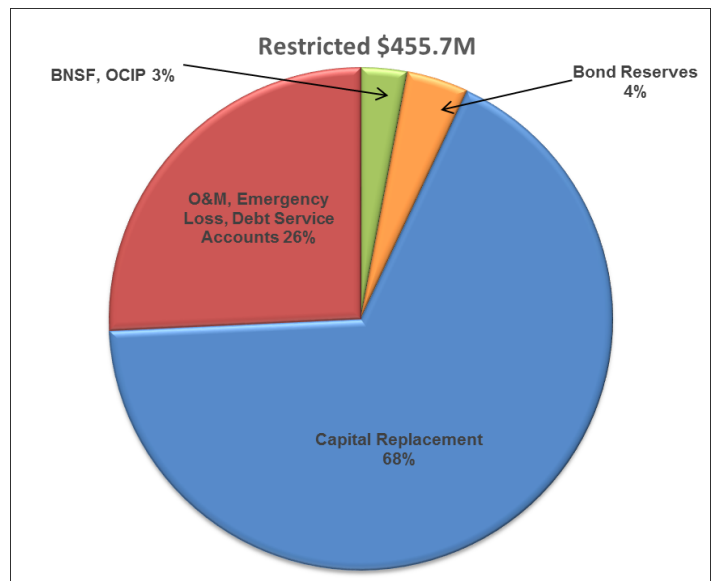
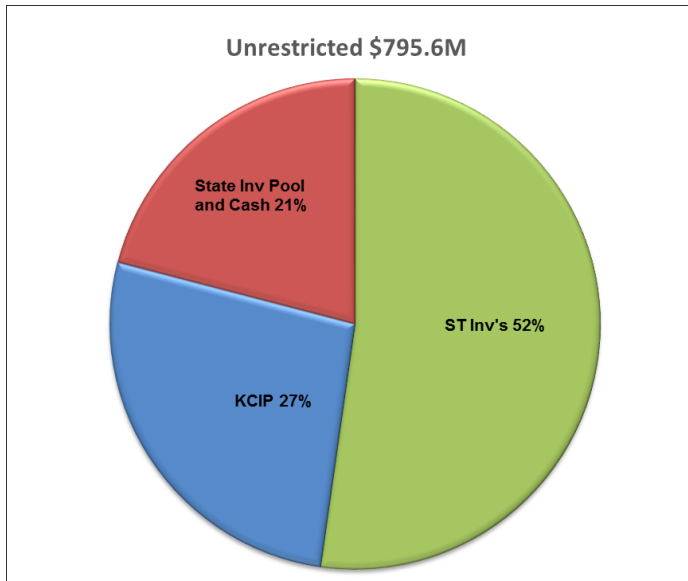
Cash and Investments (\$M)	Book Value	Net Change	Average Duration	Benchmark Duration	Current Yield	Qtrly Yield Change
Unrestricted						
State Investment Pool	154.0	(3.6)	0.01		0.25%	0.06
Operating account/Uncleared checks	12.6	(4.9)	0.01		0.40%	0.00
King County Investment Pool	213.2	(52.0)	0.93		0.64%	0.04
ST Internal Investments	415.7	(0.3)	1.07		0.54%	0.02
Total Unrestricted	795.6	(60.8)	0.81	0.58	0.51%	0.03
Restricted						
Operating/Contingency (internal)	53.0	0.1	0.93		0.64%	0.04
Capital Replacement (internal)	310.9	0.8	2.64	2.63	1.77%	0.02
Emergency Loss Reserve (internal)	12.0	0.0	0.93		0.64%	0.04
Debt Service Accounts	52.4	52.4	0.93		0.64%	0.64
BNSF	8.0	0.0	0.01		0.05%	0.00
U-Link OCIP	2.1	0.0	6.70		3.68%	0.00
Prior Debt Service Reserve	17.4	0.4	6.39		5.05%	(0.10)
Total Restricted	455.7	53.6	2.32	N/A*	1.58%	(0.11)
Total	1,251.3	(7.1)	1.36		0.90%	0.03

*Restricted benchmarks are based upon projected cash flow needs. Calculating a "total" benchmark duration for restricted investments is not applicable.

Investment Performance



Portfolio Composition



Asset Allocation Compliance

Asset Class	\$ Par Value	Percentage Allocation	Policy Limit
U.S. Treasuries	386,925,000	31.47%	100%
U.S. Government Agencies	302,142,000	24.57%	75%
Certificates of Deposit	0	0.00%	10%
King County Investment Pool	330,526,463	26.88%	50%
State Investment Pool	155,691,225	12.66%	100%
Taxable Municipal/G.O. Bonds	54,210,000	4.41%	25%

4 Q 2015 Debt Overview

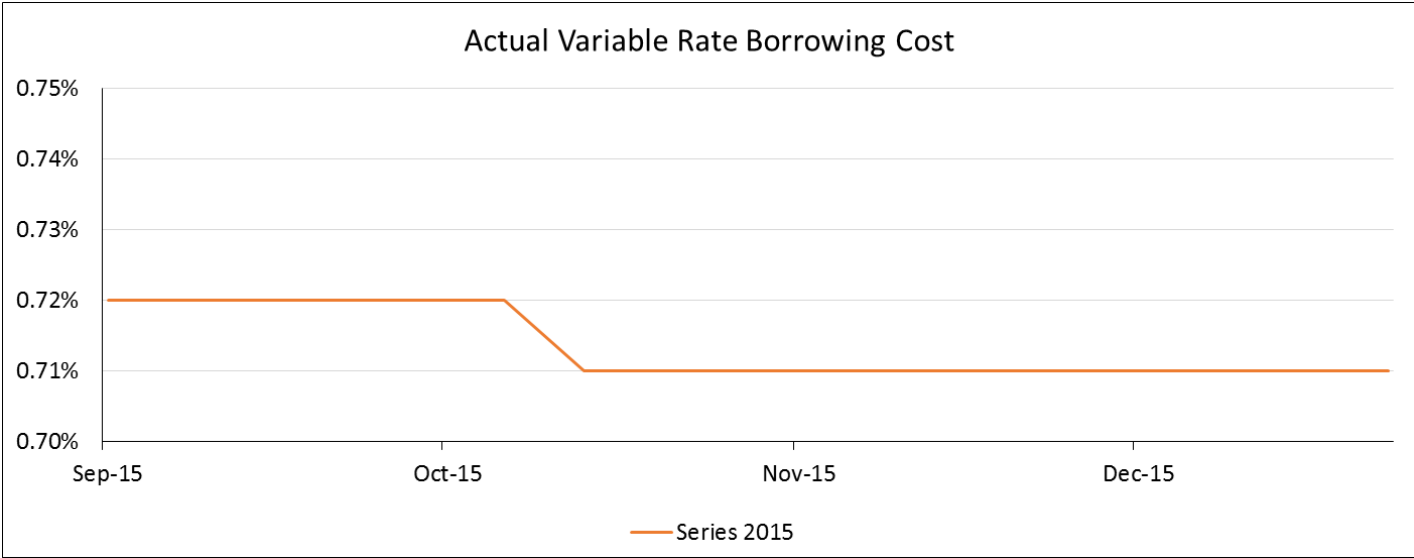
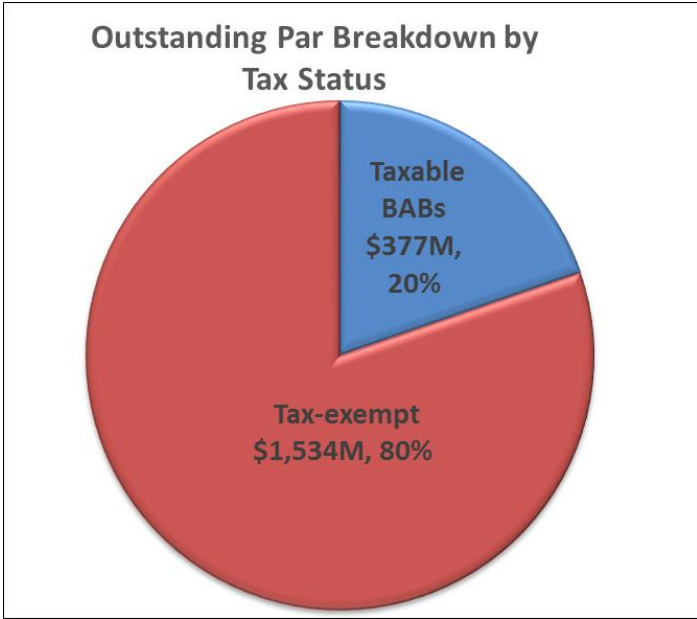
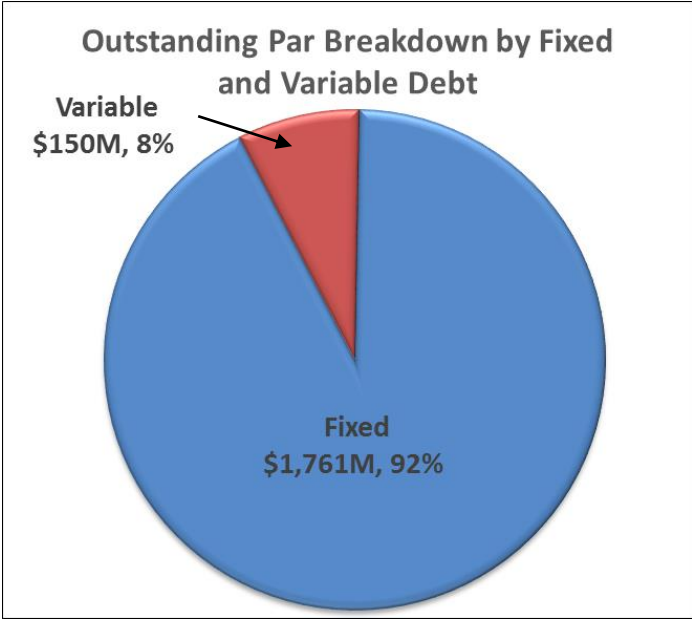
Strategy

Sound Transit will consider the diversification of its long-term liabilities in the context of its future borrowing needs.

Debt Summary -

- The 20-year MMD ended the quarter at 2.55%, down 25 basis points from the September 30th rate of 2.80%. During the quarter, the 20-year MMD was as high as 2.95% on 11/9/2015, and as low as 2.54%, on 12/28/2015.
- The spread between the 20-year AAA MMD and the 20-year A MMD was 57 basis points as of 12/31/2015, which is 5 basis points tighter than the spread was on 9/30/2015.

Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority Summary of Outstanding Bonds						
Prior Bonds						
Series	Issue Date	Final Maturity	Issue Size	Amount Outstanding	All-in Interest Cost	Financial Plan Assumption
1999	1/6/1999	2/1/2028	\$350,000,000	\$297,270,000	4.97%	5.00%
2009P-1	9/29/2009	2/1/2016	\$23,155,000	\$17,620,000	2.52%	5.00%
2009P-2T (BABs)	9/29/2009	2/1/2028	\$76,845,000	\$76,845,000	3.31%	5.00%
2012P-1	8/22/2012	2/1/2028	\$216,165,000	\$178,440,000	2.62%	5.75%
Total Prior Bonds			\$666,165,000	\$570,175,000	3.94%	
Parity Bonds						
Series	Issue Date	Final Maturity	Issue Size	Amount Outstanding	All-in Interest Cost	Financial Plan Assumption
2007A*	12/18/2007	11/1/2036	\$450,000,000	\$0	0.00%	5.00%
2009S-2T (BABs)	9/29/2009	11/1/2039	\$300,000,000	\$300,000,000	3.62%	5.00%
2012S-1	8/22/2012	11/1/2030	\$97,545,000	\$97,545,000	2.73%	5.75%
2015S-1	9/10/2015	11/1/2050	\$792,840,000	\$792,840,000	3.89%	5.75%
2015S-2A**	9/10/2015	11/1/2045	\$75,000,000	\$75,000,000	3.23%	5.75%
2015S-2B**	9/10/2015	11/1/2045	\$75,000,000	\$75,000,000	3.23%	5.75%
Total Parity Bonds			\$1,790,385,000	\$1,340,385,000	3.67%	
Total Prior & Parity Bonds			\$2,456,550,000	\$1,910,560,000	3.75%	
*2007A Bonds were advance refunded by the 2015 Bonds						
**2015S-2A and 2015S-2B are variable rate bonds. The all-in Interest cost assumes interest calculated using only the spread through 2018 and after the variable rate was the highest 12 month rolling average of SIFMA over the past 10 years (3.67%)						



Bond Ratings as of 12/31/15			
	Prior	Parity	TIFIA
Moody's	Aa1	Aa2	
S&P	AAA	AAA	A-
Fitch			A+

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Key for Performance Summary

	Above Average	Average	Below Average
INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE	Interest earnings forecast to exceed budget. ST Portfolio performance well above benchmark.	Interest earnings forecast to meet budget. ST Portfolio performance at or near benchmark.	Interest earnings forecast to be below budget. ST Portfolio performance below benchmark.

	Low	Medium	High
INTEREST RATE RISK	Change in interest rates will have less than \$5M impact on ST financial plan over 5-year period.	Change in interest rates will have less than \$10M impact on ST financial plan over 5-year period.	Change in interest rates will have less than \$20M impact on ST financial plan over 5-year period.

LIQUIDITY RISK	All reserves and liquidity contingencies in place. Current liquidity contingency greater than policy minimum.	All reserves and liquidity contingencies in place. Current liquidity contingency equal to policy minimum.	Not all reserves and liquidity contingencies in place.
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CREDIT RISK	No known credit risks that could materially impact ST balance sheet.	Known credit risks could potentially materially impact ST balance sheet.	Known credit risks are likely to materially impact ST balance sheet.
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Glossary of Debt and Investment Terms

Basis Point – The smallest measure used in quoting yields on bonds and notes. One basis point is 0.01% of yield. For example, a bond's yield that changed from 3.50% to 3.00% would be said to have moved 50 basis points.

Benchmark - A bond whose terms are used for comparison with other bonds of similar maturity. The global financial market typically looks to U.S Treasury securities as benchmarks.

Book Value – The amount at which an asset is carried on the books of the owner. The book value of an asset does not necessarily have a significant relationship to the market value of the security.

Duration - The weighted maturity of a fixed-income investment's cash flows, used in the estimation of the price sensitivity of fixed-income securities for a given change in interest rates.

Federal Funds Rate – The rate of interest at which Federal Funds are traded between banks. Federal Funds are excess reserves held by banks that desire to invest or lend them to banks needing reserves. The particular rate is heavily influenced through the open market operations of the Federal Reserve Board. Also referred to as the “Fed Funds rate.”

General Obligation Bond (GO) - A municipal bond secured by the pledge of the issuer's full faith and credit, and backed by their taxing authority.

Liquidity – The ease and speed with which an asset can be converted into cash without a substantial loss in value.

Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) – The aggregate of all funds from political subdivisions that are placed in the custody of the State Treasurer for investment.

Market Price - For securities traded through an exchange, the last reported price at which a security was sold; for securities traded "over-the-counter," the current price of the security in the market.

Par Value – The nominal or face value of a debt security; that is, the value at maturity.

Performance - An investment's return (usually total return), compared to a benchmark that is comparable to the risk level or investment objectives of the investment.

SIFMA - The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association Municipal Swap Index is a 7-day high-grade market index comprised of tax-exempt Variable Rate Demand Obligations (VRDOs) with certain characteristics. The Index is calculated and published by Bloomberg.

TIFIA Loan – Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan with the United States Department of Transportation, acting by and through the Federal Highway Administrator. TIFIA loans are used to complement other sources of debt, resulting in a lower cost of funding than would be available in the capital markets.

Total Return - Investment performance measure over a stated time period which includes coupon interest, interest on interest, and any realized and unrealized gains or losses.