

# 2Q 2022

## Performance Indicators and Key Measures

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

Restricted Cash and Investments	627.6
Unrestricted Cash and Investments	1,955.8
Total Cash and Investments	2,583.5

## Total Outstanding Debt – Par Value 2,063.6



## 2Q 2022 ALM Overview

## Key Items

The investment portfolio remains conservatively positioned and has weathered the market volatility well. The portfolio continues to selectively add high-quality municipal, agency and corporate securities when the market provides an attractive entry point. A key focus continues to be maintaining liquidity in support of the realigned plan.

Sound Transit continuously monitors the markets and seeks opportunities to decrease costs and create financial capacity. Actions are proposed if they are financially beneficial to the agency and its program as a whole.

Interest rates continued to increase in Q2. In Q2 the Agency started the process of securing additional TIFIA and RIFF loans in the total amount of \$500 million. The Agency is expecting to close on these loans in Q1 of 2023.

#### **Market Environment**

Treasury yields resumed their ascent in June with the 2-year adding 40 basis points while the 10-year increased by 17 basis points leading to a flatter interest rate curve. Hidden in the move was the massive volatility seen intra-month as the 2-year hit a yield of 3.43% prior to declining back to end the month at 2.96%. Risk assets fared poorly with credit spreads widening out by 24 basis points for investment grade while high yield spreads increased 163 basis points.





#### **Current Tax-Exempt Borrowing Rates**

- Current 30 year fixed at 4.07%
- Current variable rate at 1.22%. Q2 SIFMA avg of .69% + LOC Cost of 0.45% + Rmktg Fee of 0.08%

#### **Credit Watch**

ST is currently in "stand still" 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**

## ALM Position (\$M)

Balance and Duration	Value (\$M)	Interest Rate	Duration/Avg. Life (Year)	Benchmark Duration (Year)
Assets (Cash/Investments)				
Restricted	627.6	1.41%	1.56	NA
Unrestricted	1,955.8	0.91%	0.73	0.76
Assets (Cash/Investments) total	2,583.5	1.03%	0.93	
Liabilities (Debt)				
Fixed-Rate	(1,913.6)	3.07%		
Variable-Rate	(150.0)	1.30%		
Liabilities (Debt) total	(2,063.6)	2.94%	13.48	19.40

## **Investment Strategy**

The investment portfolios are tactically invested to manage cash flows and duration to navigate the portfolio through the volatile markets. US Treasury securities are being overweighted due to the relative valuations. The disciplined approach of managing both the size of the portfolio and the average maturity of the portfolios is contributing to higher interest earnings in the longer durated portfolios versus the short cash investments. The Agency continues to prioritize liquidity to provide flexibility to the realigned plan.

Cash and Investments (\$M)	Book Value	Average Duration	Benchmark Duration	Current Yield	Qtrly Yield Change
Unrestricted					J_
State Investment Pool	749.8	0.01		1.00%	0.78
Operating account/Uncleared checks**	(8.2)	0.01		0.22%	0.00
King County Investment Pool	15.8	1.11		1.02%	0.53
ST Internal Investments	1,198.4	1.17		0.85%	0.17
Total Unrestricted	1,955.8	0.73	0.76	0.91%	0.40
Restricted					
Operating/Contingency (internal)	106.4	0.01		1.01%	0.78
Capital Replacement (internal)	357.7	2.67	2.95	1.70%	(0.00)
Emergency Loss Reserve (internal)	47.2	0.01		1.01%	0.78
Debt Service Accounts	77.4	0.01		1.01%	0.78
BNSF Escrow	8.0	0.01		0.03%	0.00
OCIP Collateral	2.6	1.06		3.68%	(0.00)
Link Risk Fund	0.5	1.11		1.00%	0.51
Prior Debt Service Reserve	8.6	2.31	3.34	1.81%	(0.02)
Affordable Housing Revolving Fund	16.1	0.01		1.01%	0.78
Zurich Collateral	0.4	0.01		0.01%	0.00
FTA Grant Recovery	2.7	0.01		1.01%	0.78
Total Restricted	627.6	1.56	N/A*	1.41%	0.30
Total	2,583.5	0.93		1.03%	0.37

## Investment Performance Portfolio Composition







#### **Asset Allocation Compliance**

Asset Class	\$ Par Value	Percentage Allocation	Policy Limit
U.S. Treasuries	929,935,000	35.98%	100%
U.S. Government Agencies-Primary	328,630,000	12.71%	75%
U.S. Government Agencies-Secondary	2,400,000	0.09%	10%
Certificates of Deposit	0	0.00%	20%
Supranationals	67,385,000	2.61%	10%
Corporate Notes	141,178,000	5.46%	25%
King County Investment Pool	16,375,800	0.63%	50%
State Investment Pool	1,003,447,858	38.82%	100%
Commerical Paper	45,000,000	1.74%	25%
Taxable Municipal/G.O. Bonds	50,245,000	1.94%	20%
	2,584,596,658	100.00%	

## 2Q 2022 Debt Overview

#### **Debt Strategy**

Sound Transit considers the diversification of its long-term liabilities in the context of its future borrowing needs. The Agency utilizes various financial instruments to fund the long-range financial plan. The Agency continues to take action in response to Board's direction to seek opportunities to reduce cost and expand financial capacity.

In Q2 the Agency started the process of securing additional TIFIA and RIFF loans in the total amount of \$500 million. The Agency is expecting to close on these loans in Q1 of 2023.

**TIFIA Loans:** 

- \$93.3 million Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension
- \$79.3 million for NorthEast 130<sup>th</sup> St Infill Station

**RRIF** Loans:

- \$ 74.2 million Puyallup
- \$156.4 million Auburn
- \$ 96.6 million Sumner

## **Debt Summary**

- The 20-year MMD ended the quarter at 3.04%, 64 basis points higher than the March 31, 2022 rate. During the quarter, rates experienced continued volatility with a high of 3.24% in early April. Market rates remained volatile due to mixed economic news throughout the quarter.
- The average spread between the 20-year AAA MMD and the 20-year A MMD was 56 basis points as of 06/30/22, which is 17 basis points higher than what was measured on 03/31/22.

Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority Summary of Outstanding Bonds						
Prior Bonds				Amount	All-in	
Series	Issue Date	Final Maturity	Issue Size	Outstanding	Int Cost	
1999	1/6/1999	2/1/2028	\$350,000,000	\$180,830,000	5.03%	
2009P-2T (BABs)	9/29/2009	2/1/2028	\$76,845,000	\$53,900,000	3.36%	
2012P-1	8/22/2012	2/1/2028	\$216,165,000	\$0	2.62%	
Total Prior Bonds			\$643,010,000	\$234,730,000	4.65%	
Parity Bonds				Amount	All-in	
Series	Issue Date	Final Maturity	Issue Size	Outstanding :	erest Cost	
2009S-2T (BABs)	9/29/2009	11/1/2039	\$300,000,000	\$300,000,000	3.66%	
2012S-1	8/22/2012	11/1/2030	\$97,545,000	\$7,440,000	2.73%	
2015S-1	9/10/2015	11/1/2050	\$792,840,000	\$22,185,000	3.89%	
2015S-2A*	9/10/2015	11/1/2045	\$75,000,000	\$75,000,000	1.24%	
2015S-2B*	9/10/2015	11/1/2045	\$75,000,000	\$75,000,000	1.36%	
20165-1	12/19/2016	11/1/2046	\$400,000,000	\$392,175,000	3.60%	
20215-1	11/4/2021	11/1/2050	\$869,360,000	\$869,360,000	2.31%	
Total Parity Bonds			\$2,609,745,000	\$1,741,160,000	2.77%	
Total Prior & Parity 20158-24 and 20158-			\$3,252,755,000	\$1,975,890,000	2.99%	

\*2015S-2A and 2015S-2B are variable rate bonds. The all-in Interest cost uses life-to-date average actuals.

	Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority Summary of Outstanding TIFIA Loans								
TIFIA Loan	Execution Date	Final Maturity	Loan Amount	Amount Drawn	Int Rate				
East Link	9/10/2021	11/1/2058	\$1,330,000,000	\$0	1.91%				
Northgate	9/10/2021	11/1/2056	\$615,267,000	\$0	1.91%				
O&M Facility East	9/10/2021	11/1/2055	\$87,663,515	\$87,663,515	1.91%				
Lynnwood Link	9/10/2021	11/1/2059	\$657,863,164	\$0	1.91%				
Redmond	9/10/2021	11/1/2059	\$520,981,378	\$0	1.91%				
Federal Way	9/10/2021	11/1/2059	\$629,472,431	\$0	1.91%				
				\$0					
Total TIFIA Loa	ns		\$3,841,247,488	\$87,663,515	1.91%				
Total Outstandi	ng Debt			\$2,063,553,515	2.94%				

# **Debt Portfolio Composition**





# **Q2 2022 Variable Rate Comparison and Pricing Estimate**

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Q2 SIFMA	Average	0.69%		Q2 SIF	MA Aver	age	0.69%	Q2	SIFMA A	verage	0.69%
Index Spre	ad	0.20%		Index S	spread		0.45%	Est	timated LC	C Cost*	0.45%
Remarketir	ng Cost	0.08%		Remar	keting Co	st	0.04%	Re	marketing	Agent Fee	0.08%
Total FRN	Cost	0.97%		Total F	RN Cost		1.18%	To	tal VRDB (	Cost	1.22%
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\* Assumes 3-year letter of credit

The credit rating agencies actively monitor the transit sector. The Agency's ratings were recently confirmed by all three agencies as part of the Q3/Q4 debt transactions in 2021. The investment balances and liquidity available via undrawn TIFIA loans provide Sound Transit with flexibility and are viewed very positively by the credit rating agencies. Sound Transit maintains a sector leading level of credit quality.

Bond Ratings as of 06/30/2022						
Prior Parity TIFIA						
Moody's	Aaa	Aa1				
S&P	AAA	AAA	AA+			
Fitch			AA+			

# Asset Liability Management Report Key for Performance Summary

	Above Average	Average	Below Average
INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE	Interest earnings forecast to exceed budget.	Interest earnings forecast to meet budget.	Interest earnings forecast to be below budget.

	Low	Medium	High
INTEREST RATE RISK	Change in interest rates will	Change in interest rates will	Change in interest rates will
	have less than \$5M impact	have less than \$10M	have less than \$20M
	on ST financial plan over 5-	impact on ST financial plan	impact on ST financial plan
	year period.	over 5-year period.	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.
CREDIT RISK	No known credit risks that	Known credit risks could	Known credit risks are likely
	could materially impact ST	potentially materially impact	to materially impact ST
	balance sheet.	ST balance sheet.	balance sheet.

# **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.

BNSF Escrow - Collateral pursuant to the Sound Transit / Amtrak / BNSF lease-sub-lease dated September 2000.

**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.

Link Risk Fund – Funded by Sound Transit to pay certain claims related to the operation of Central Link.

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 4securities 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.

**OCIP** Collateral – Pledged collateral for the Owner Controlled Insurance Program for University Link and Northgate Link.