



Asset Liability Management Report

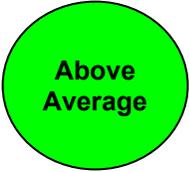
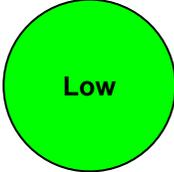
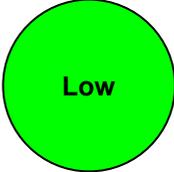
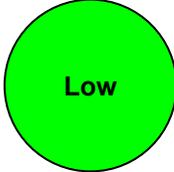
4Q 2024

Performance Indicators and Key Measures

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

Restricted Cash and Investments	718.4
Unrestricted Cash and Investments	4,725.9
Total Cash and Investments	5,444.3

Total Outstanding Debt – Par Value 3,527.2

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE	INTEREST RATE RISK	CREDIT RISK	LIQUIDITY RISK
 <p>Above Average</p>	 <p>Low</p>	 <p>Low</p>	 <p>Low</p>
Prior quarter: Above Average	Prior quarter: Low	Prior quarter: Low	Prior quarter: Low
Interest earnings exceeded budget for Q4 2024.	The current long-term rate for tax exempt bonds and blended rate for outstanding debts are below the assumed borrowing rate in the financial plan.	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.
Key Measures	Key Measures	Key Measures	Key Measures
Interest income of \$241M was \$128M above the 2024 original budget of \$113M and \$18M above the revised budget of \$223M. Note, excludes unrealized gains and losses.	The blended ST interest cost is 2.51%. The current assumed rate in the financial plan is 4% through 2024 and 5.3% from 2025 to 2041.	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 ST investment portfolio is 4.50%.	The blended investment yield is 4.42% versus the variable debt rate of 3.46% in 4Q 2024.	There were no credit rating actions that negatively impacted the investment portfolio during the quarter.	Current liquidity meets policy requirement.

4Q 2024 ALM Overview

Key Items

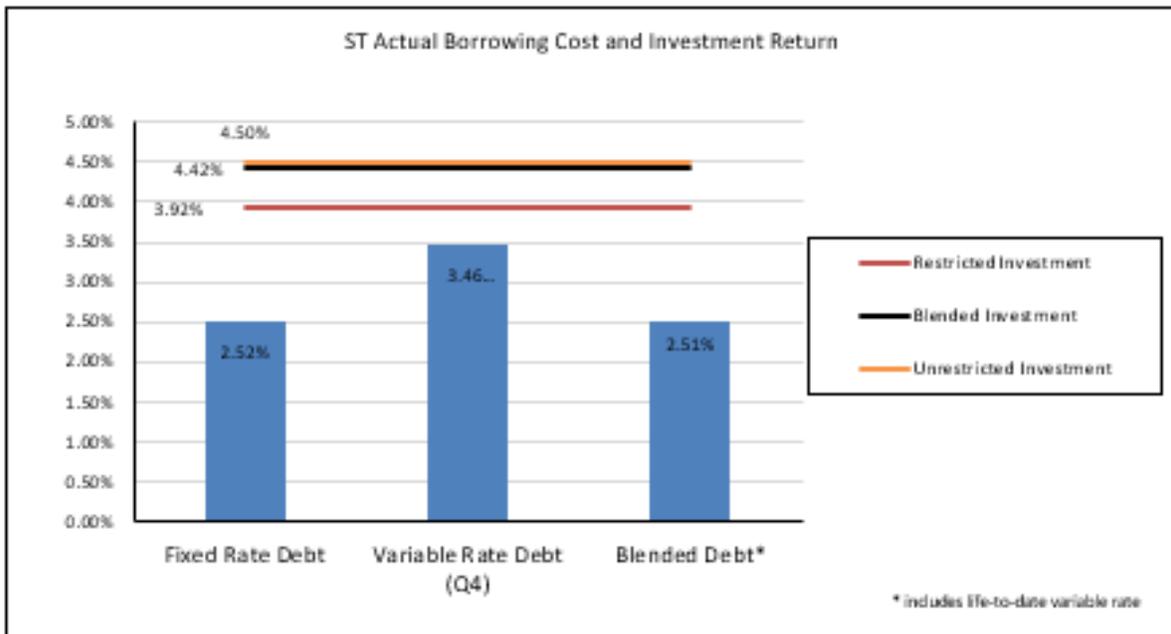
The investment portfolio remains conservatively positioned and has weathered the market volatility well. The portfolio continues to selectively add high-quality municipal, agency, and corporate securities when the market provides an attractive entry point. A key focus continues to be maintaining liquidity 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. The Agency drew additional TIFIA loans in Q1 2025.

Market Environment

As was widely anticipated, the FOMC lowered the federal funds rate by 25 bps in both Nov and Dec. The decision to lower rates was influenced by past progress on inflation and a moderating labor market. Fed communications and forecasts suggest a slower pace of easing, with the FOMC pausing rate cuts until inflation improves or the labor market weakens. Markets and the FOMC are predicting two 25 bps rate cuts in 2025.

Despite rate cuts, the yield on 2 yr Treasury increased by 60 bps in Q4 to 4.24%. Markets still forecast lower 2 yr yields in the year ahead. Interest rates rose in Q4 after several months of decline through Sept. The yield curve steepened, reaching 6month highs. The rise in rates was driven by a recent stall in the disinflationary trend and an increasingly uncertain outlook on fiscal policy.

Actual Borrowing Rate versus Investment Rate



Current Tax-Exempt Borrowing Rates

- Current 30 year fixed at 4.41%
- Current variable rate at 3.79%. Q4 SIFMA avg of 3.18% + LOC Cost of 0.55% + Rmktg Fee of 0.06%

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	718.4	3.92%	1.60	NA
Unrestricted	4,725.9	4.50%	0.94	0.99
Assets (Cash/Investments) total	5,444.3	4.42%	1.03	
Liabilities (Debt)				
Fixed-Rate	(3,452.2)	2.52%		
Variable-Rate	(75.0)	1.97%		
Liabilities (Debt) total	(3,527.2)	2.51%	20.34	19.86

Investment Strategy

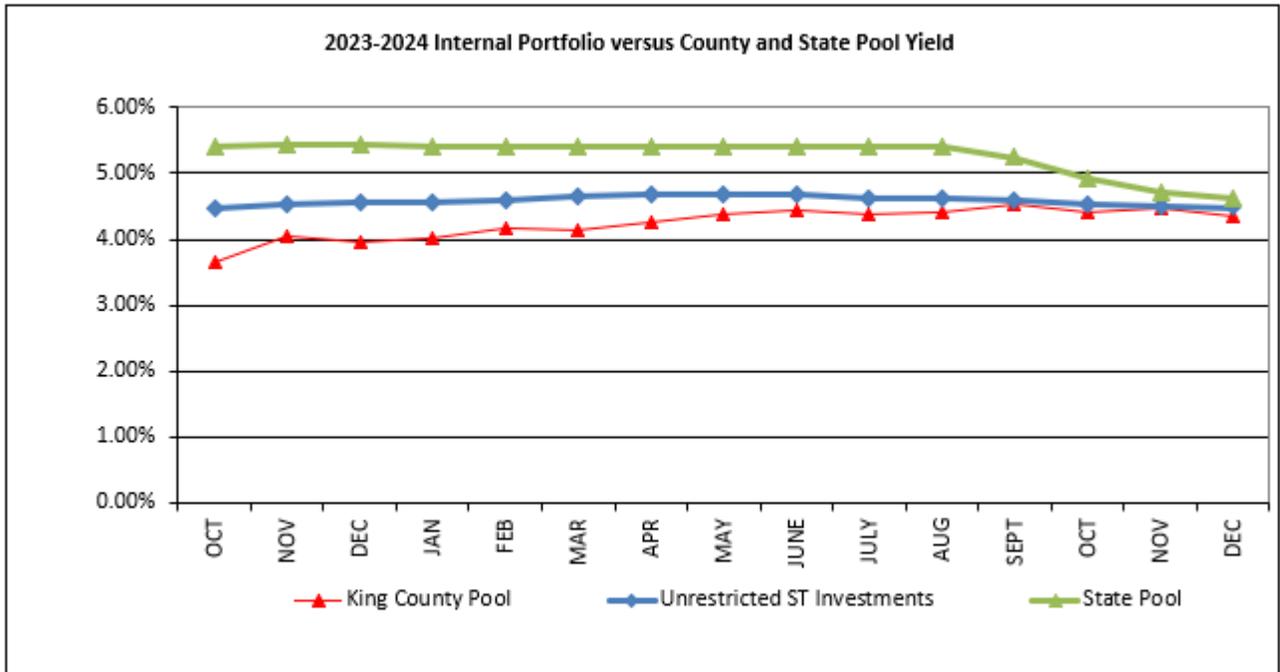
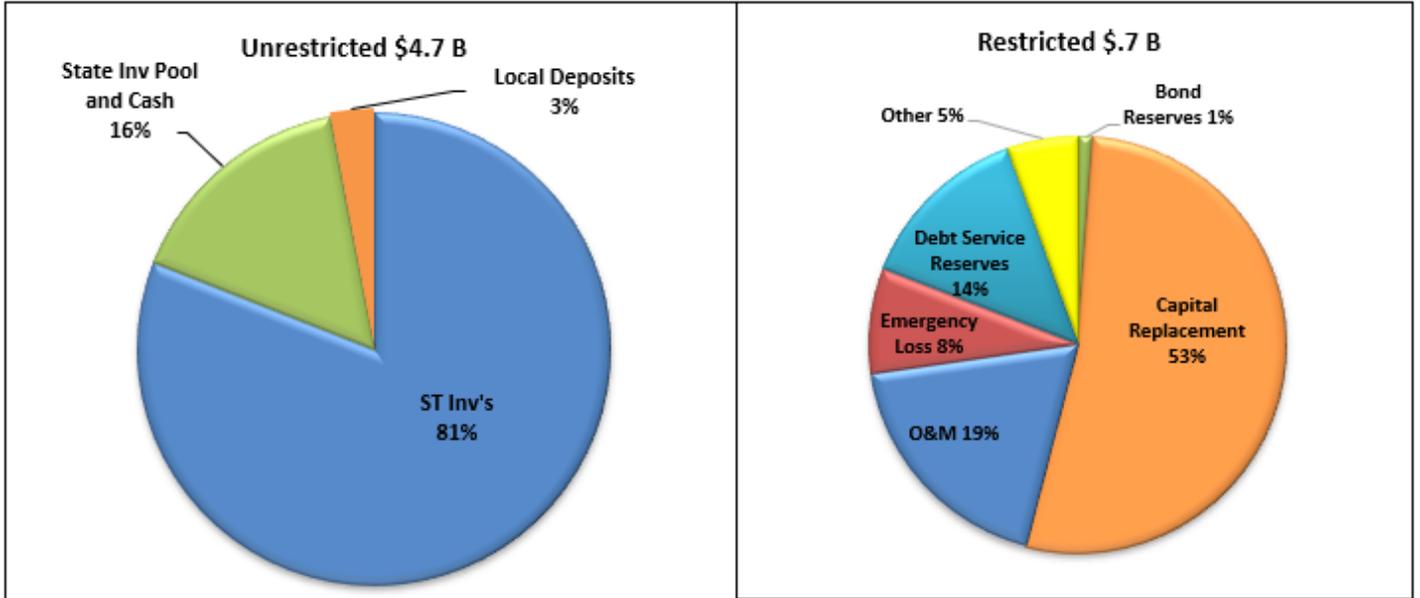
The investment portfolios are tactically invested to manage cash flows and duration to navigate the portfolio through the volatile markets. US Treasury securities are being overweighted due to the relative valuations. The Agency continues to prioritize liquidity to provide flexibility to the realigned plan.

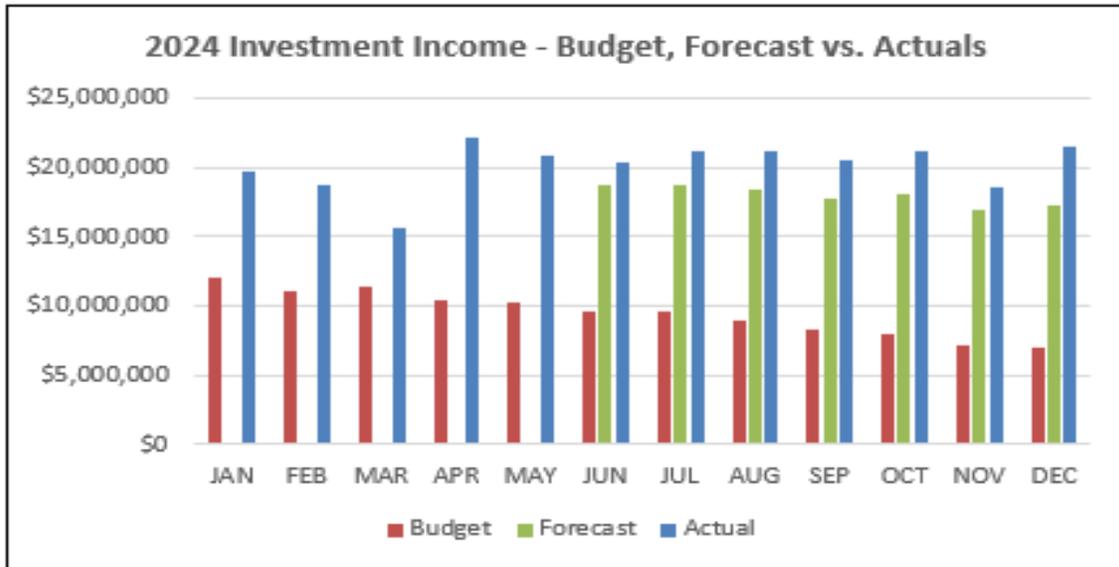
Cash and Investments (\$M)	Book Value	Average Duration	Benchmark Duration	Current Yield	Qtrly Yield Change
Unrestricted					
State Investment Pool	759.6	0.01		4.61%	(0.63)
Local Deposits	139.1	0.01		4.22%	(0.49)
King County Investment Pool	17.1	1.09		4.47%	(0.06)
ST Internal Investments	3,810.1	1.16		4.48%	(0.10)
Total Unrestricted	4,725.9	0.94	0.99	4.50%	(0.18)
Restricted					
Operating/Contingency (internal)	134.4	0.01		4.60%	(0.63)
Capital Replacement (internal)	379.6	2.96	2.89	3.45%	0.02
Emergency Loss Reserve (internal)	59.2	0.01		4.60%	(0.63)
Debt Service Accounts	97.6	0.01		4.60%	(0.63)
BNSF Escrow	8.0	0.01		0.01%	0.00
OCIP Collateral	0.7	1.06		4.48%	(0.69)
Link Risk Fund	0.6	1.09		4.40%	(0.06)
Prior Debt Service Reserve	8.3	2.18	3.19	4.77%	(0.10)
Affordable Housing Revolving Fund	20.1	0.01		4.60%	(0.63)
Zurich Collateral	0.4	0.01		1.13%	0.00
First Hawaiian Collateral	4.0	0.01		0.91%	0.00
FTA Grant Recovery	5.4	0.01		4.60%	(0.63)
Total Restricted	718.4	1.60	N/A*	3.92%	(0.29)
Total					
	5,444.3	1.03		4.42%	(0.20)

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

Q4 2024 Investment Overview

Investment Performance Portfolio Composition





Asset Allocation Compliance

Asset Class	\$ Par Value	Percentage Allocation	Policy Limit
U.S. Treasuries	3,338,000,000	60.90%	100%
U.S. Government Agencies-Primary	495,595,000	9.04%	75%
U.S. Government Agencies-Secondary	24,800,000	0.45%	10%
Certificates of Deposit	0	0.00%	20%
Supranationals	113,500,000	2.07%	10%
Corporate Notes	228,512,000	4.17%	25%
King County Investment Pool	17,710,773	0.32%	50%
State Investment Pool	1,078,081,016	19.67%	100%
Commerical Paper	0	0.00%	25%
Taxable Municipal/G.O. Bonds	45,520,000	0.83%	20%
PDPC Deposits	139,107,027	2.54%	20%
	5,480,825,816	100.00%	

4Q 2024 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.

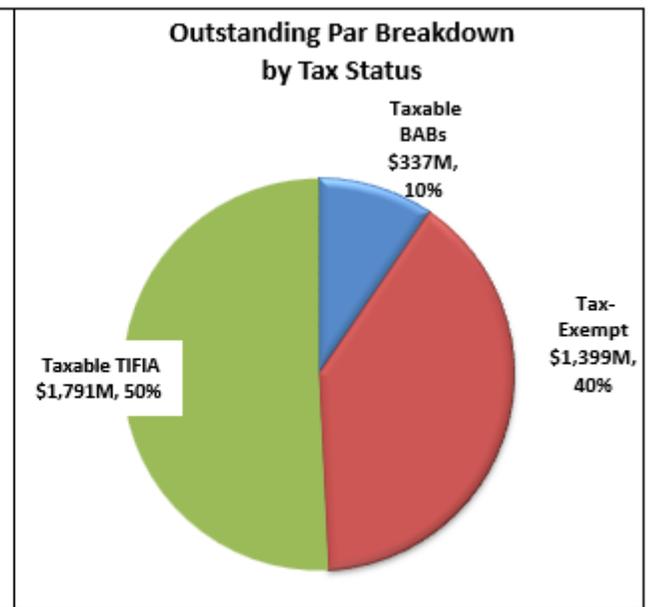
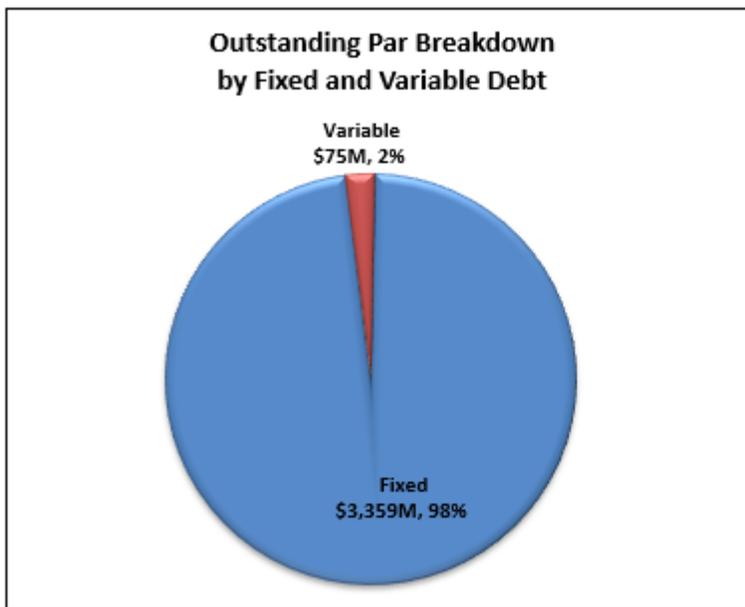
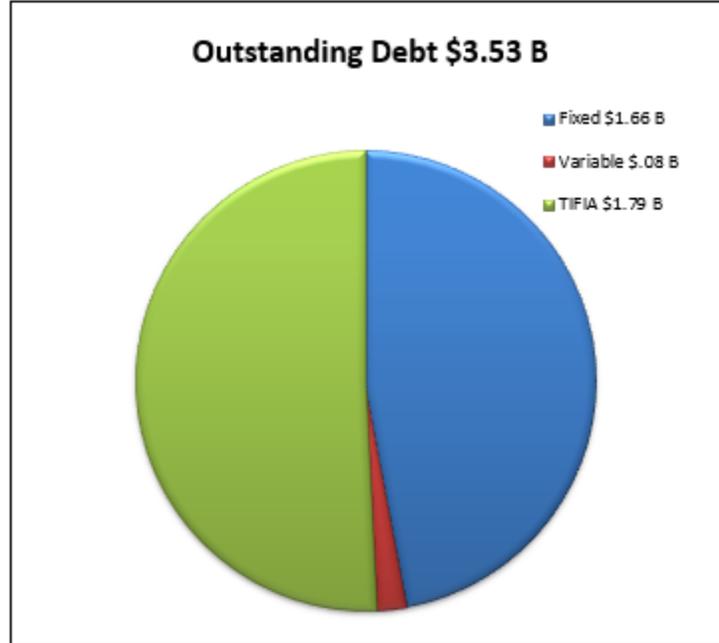
Debt Summary

- The 20-year MMD ended the quarter at 3.62%, 40 basis points higher than the September 30, 2024 rate.
- The average Q4 2024 spread between the 20-year AAA MMD and the 20-year A MMD was 44 basis points as of 12/31/24, which is 1 basis point higher than what was measured on 09/30/24.

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	\$126,055,000	5.03%
2009P-2T (BABs)	9/29/2009	2/1/2028	\$76,845,000	\$37,255,000	3.36%
Total Prior Bonds			\$426,845,000	\$163,310,000	4.65%
Parity Bonds				Amount	All-in
Series	Issue Date	Final Maturity	Issue Size	Outstanding	Int Cost
2009S-2T (BABs)	9/29/2009	11/1/2039	\$300,000,000	\$300,000,000	3.66%
2015S-1	9/10/2015	11/1/2050	\$792,840,000	\$10,750,000	3.89%
2015S-2A*	9/10/2015	11/1/2045	\$75,000,000	\$75,000,000	1.97%
2015S-2B*	9/10/2015	11/1/2045	\$75,000,000	\$0	1.78%
2016S-1	12/19/2016	11/1/2046	\$400,000,000	\$366,270,000	3.60%
2021S-1	11/4/2021	11/1/2050	\$869,360,000	\$821,005,000	2.31%
Total Parity Bonds			\$2,512,200,000	\$1,573,025,000	2.86%
Total Prior & Parity Bonds			\$2,939,045,000	\$1,736,335,000	3.03%
*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	\$994,646,917	1.91%
Northgate	9/10/2021	11/1/2056	\$615,267,000	\$615,267,000	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%
HTLE Project	5/2/2023	5/1/2058	\$93,306,180	\$93,306,180	3.79%
NE 130th Street Inf	5/2/2023	5/1/2061	\$79,250,877	\$0	3.79%
RRIF Loan					
Sounder Access	5/2/2023	11/1/2061	\$154,152,530	\$0	3.79%
Total TIFIA Loans			\$4,167,957,075	\$1,790,883,612	2.01%
Total Outstanding Debt				\$3,527,218,612	2.51%

Debt Portfolio Composition



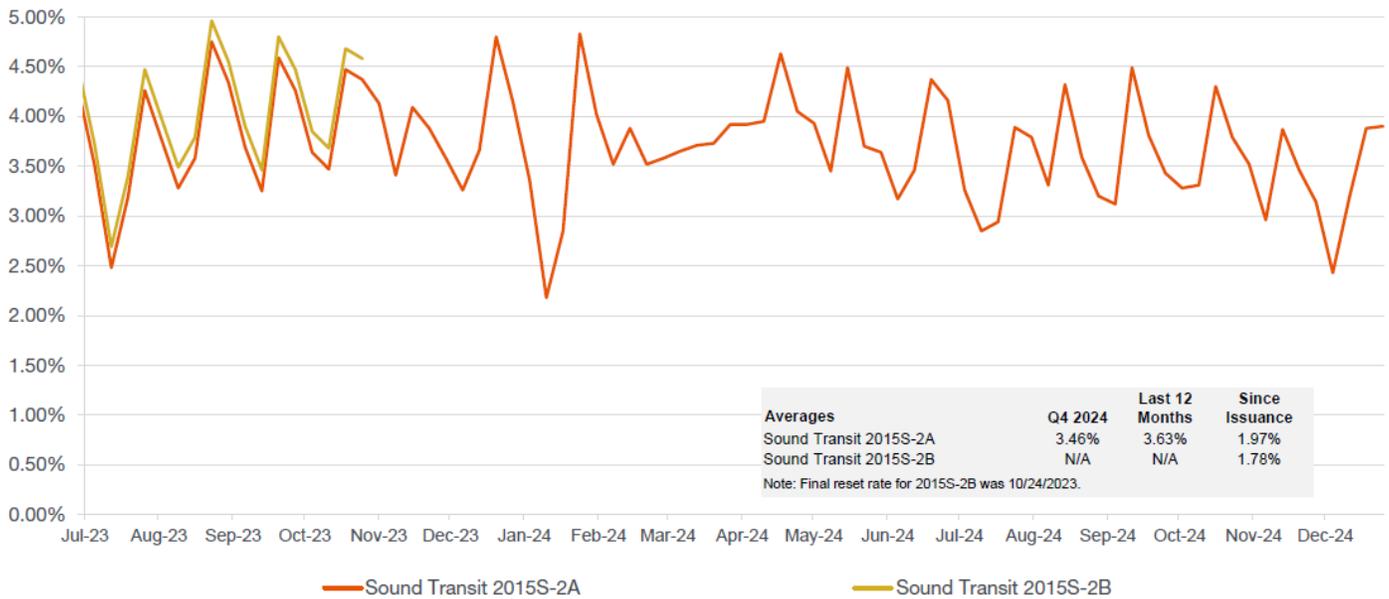
The credit rating agencies actively monitor the transit sector. The investment balances and liquidity available via undrawn TIFIA loans provide Sound Transit with flexibility and are viewed very positively by the credit rating agencies. Sound Transit maintains a sector leading level of credit quality.

Bond Ratings as of 12/31/2024			
	Prior	Parity	TIFIA
Moody's	Aaa	Aa1	
S&P	AAA	AAA	AA+
Fitch			AA+

Q4 2024 Variable Rate Comparison and Pricing Estimate

Actual - Sound Transit Q4 Series 2015S-2A Borrowing Cost	
Q4 SIFMA Average	3.18%
Index Spread	0.20%
Remarketing Cost	<u>0.08%</u>
Total FRN Cost	3.46%

Estimated - Sound Transit VRDB Q4 Borrowing Cost	
Q4 SIFMA Average	3.18%
Estimated LOC Cost*	0.55%
Remarketing Agent Fee	<u>0.06%</u>
Total VRDB Cost	3.79%



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 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.
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.

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 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.

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